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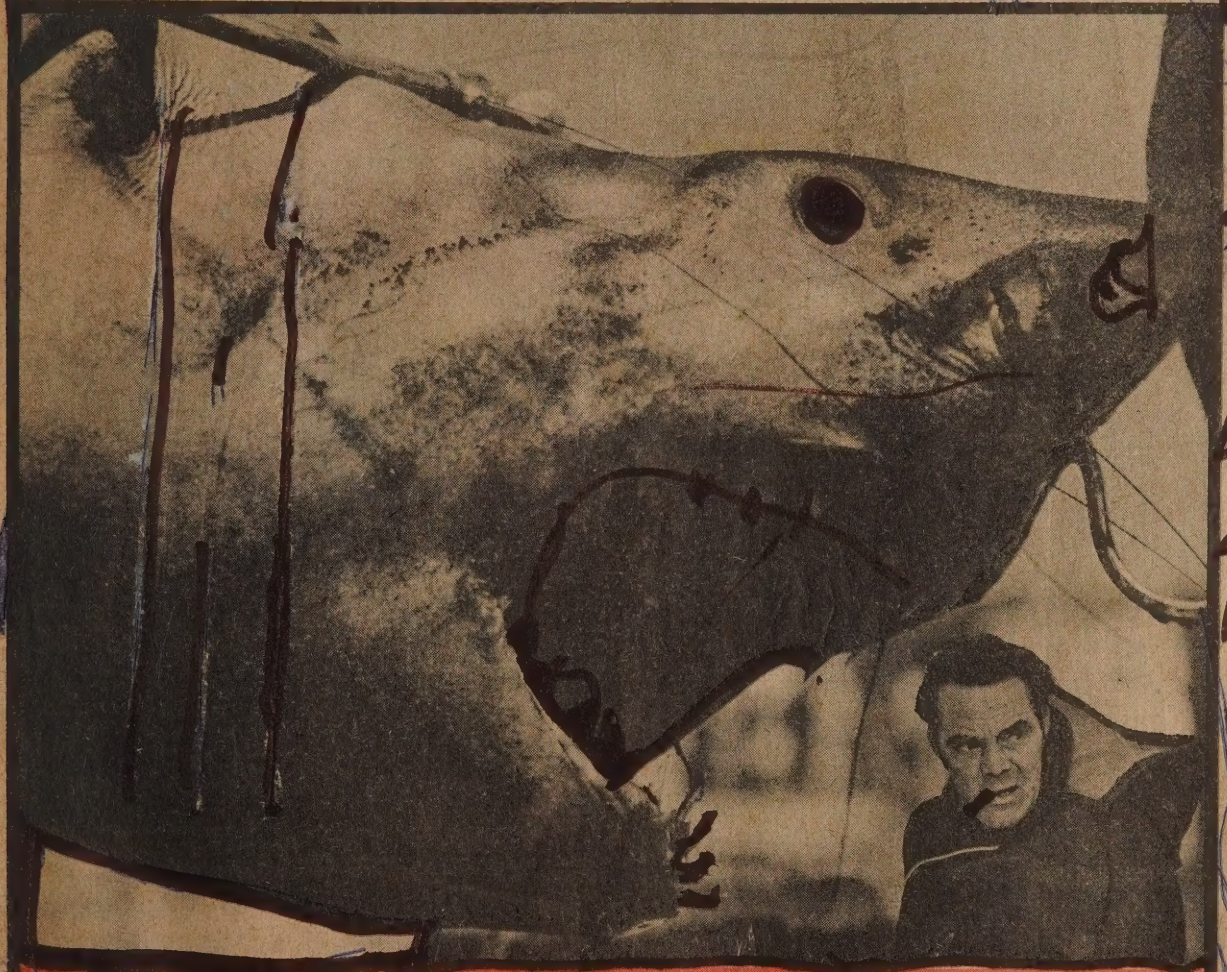

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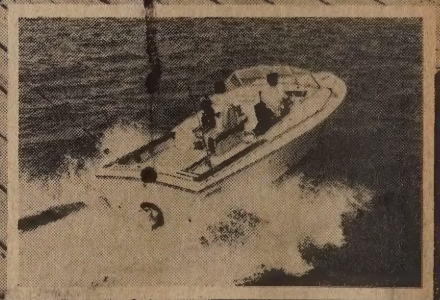

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What *really* happened in the waters off Montauk last Friday? You'd never know from the news media, which has distorted and sensationalized the story of Capt. John Sweetman's encounter with a giant shark. Read the story first hand in the interviews starting on page 18.

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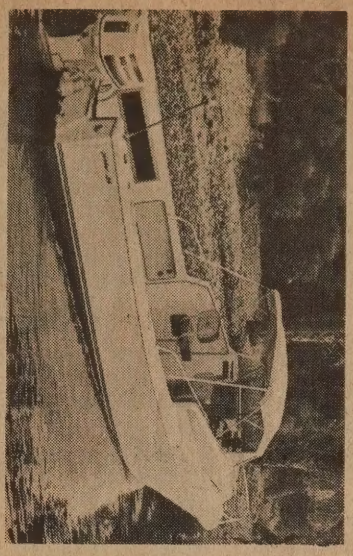

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THE GREAT WHITE SHARK STORY
...and how the media botched it!

As a result of our press deadlines, in last week's issue we only briefly mentioned the encounter Captain John Sweetman of the Montauk charterboat "Ebb Tide" had with a great white shark. We weren't unduly upset by the lack of information we were able to pass on to our readers, however, because it appeared at the time that the local and national news media were on top of the story and anything we printed would be old news by the time L.I.F. arrived on the newsstands. Unfortunately, this didn't turn out to be the case.

Normally the story would have rated little attention except in fishing publications such as ours, but "Jaws II" had just been released and one of Montauk's many marinas saw the opportunity to make a few sensational headlines and seems to have gotten word to every TV station, radio, newspaper and magazine in the United States. The "Ebb Tide" hadn't sailed out of this marina, nor did it have radio contact with it except for a brief request. But that's another story, to be told in some author's novel "Great Opportunists and Other Promoters" someday in the future.

The news media, it seemed, decided it would be too difficult to cover the event as a hard news story and go through the tedious investigative reporting that this would have required. Rather than be bothered, they pursued the course of least resistance and chose to turn the incident into a side show. As a result, the public never had the chance to find out what actually happened that day and after. Knowing the interest of many of our readers, we decided that the true story had to be told to clear the air of the circus atmosphere which the regular news media had created. We interviewed as many of the active participants of the great white shark incident that Friday as time would allow, and their stories begin on page 18 and runs through page 23. We **did not** interview motel owners who capitalized on the story by calling it a hoax—without one piece of evidence that it was—just to get the name of their establishment into the story and benefit from the resulting publicity. We also did not interview marina owners who had nothing to do with what happened other than to act as promoters and get names into the papers in the process. We had to settle for people who were actually there: Captain John Sweetman of the charterboat "Ebb Tide"; the passengers aboard the boat that day; Captain Paul Sundberg of the charterboat "Montauk"; Captain Gary Kieffer of the charterboat "Barracuda," and the crew of the private boat "Say Fish" that harpooned a large shark the next day.

The lack of investigative reporting by the news media, which is always boasting about how great they were during Watergate (cute how they all took the credit for the work of two "cub" reporters, isn't it?), was absolutely appalling. They led the people to believe that the incident may have been a hoax; that it may have been a publicity stunt; that it couldn't have been a great white shark because they don't grow that big, etc. But here's just a few of the things that they would have been able to tell if they had decided to do their homework instead of sensationalizing the story:

1. The month of June is the prime month for sightings of great white sharks in the waters off Montauk.
2. Long Island waters are considered by scientists to be the primary nursing grounds of the white sharks, which probably come here to give birth.
3. A "pup" great white shark of only forty pounds was caught by a Montauk charterboat only a week previous to the incident.
4. John Sweetman initially reported spotting not one but **two** great white sharks, one smaller than that which he harpooned.
5. Captain Paul Forsberg of the Viking Fishing Fleet also reported seeing not one but **two** white sharks, four weeks **before** John Sweetman's encounter.
6. In 1974, Capt. Ted Monell of Montauk harpooned a great white shark that was 16' 7", estimated weight 2,500 lbs. This was one year **before** the release of the original "Jaws," and great white sharks had become an "in" thing.
7. Captain Paul Sundberg of the charterboat "Montauk" harpooned a great white shark in 1975 in the waters of Montauk that bit his boat before escaping. The width of the tooth marks was thirty inches, indicating the jaw size of a shark in excess of thirty feet, proving that white sharks of

this size do, in fact, exist. A broken tooth removed from the boat was confirmed as belonging to a great white shark by Jack Casey, noted shark expert of the U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service in Narragansett, Rhode Island.

8. In Salivar's Diner, Montauk, there is a head mount of a great white shark that weighed 4,500 pounds and was harpooned by Captain Frank Mundus of the Cricket II.
9. There is a possibility that the great white shark harpooned by Capt. Sweetman may have been visiting Montauk annually since 1974.
10. It was the direct interference by the news media itself which resulted in the white shark not being brought to gaff. Time and again during L.I.F.'s investigation, we were told by those being interviewed that the helicopters swooping down to the water's surface in attempts to take photographs kept the shark spooked. As a result, the great fish never rose again to within harpoon range. But we can understand why the various segments of the news media failed to include this fact in their reports...although it may have been a little self-serving of them.

As a result of making these interviews and investigating the data available on great white sharks, The Long Island Fisherman is now convinced that the shark John Sweetman harpooned was, in fact, a white shark. The primary reason that we reached this conclusion was that we did not uncover any evidence to lead us to conclude otherwise. The expertise and reputations of the captains interviewed are beyond reproach. As Jack Casey told us over the telephone, "if Paul Sundberg said that it was a white shark, that's good enough for me." We uncovered both physical and documented evidence that great white sharks in the thirty-foot class do, in fact, exist and are swimming around today. Could the fish have been a basking shark? Of course it could, but until the time that a basking shark is found which can be positively identified as the one harpooned that Friday, the fish will remain a great white shark in our book.

We were also disturbed by the Frank Keating interview with Captain Frank Mundus, because Frank never bothered to call Capt. Sweetman and get his side of the story, which is one-sided journalism at its worst. We also fear that Capt. Mundus may have greatly damaged his reputation as a sportsman by revealing the fact that he made it a habit of deliberately harpooning harmless basking sharks, which are only plankton eaters. As an excuse for harpooning seven of the harmless sharks last year alone, the claim was that they were needed for chum. C'mon on, Frank—buy your chum like everyone else in the world...

Scott F. Simons

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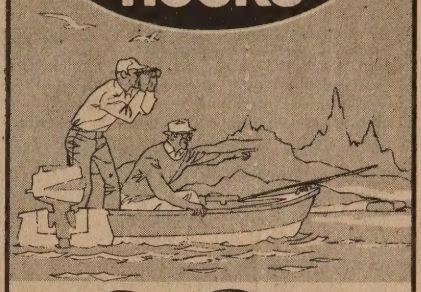

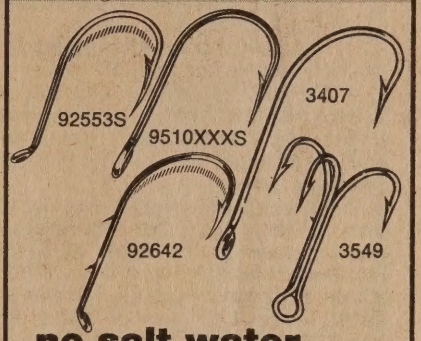

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The major changes in the regulations for 1978 are as follows:

1. The annual quota for anglers and harpoon fishermen is 2,250 giants.

2. Of the 2,250 giants, 175 may be taken west and south of the Gay Head Light line (the southern area) and 2,075 north and east of this line (the northern area).

3. Of the 2,075 giants reserved for the northern area, 300 are reserved for the area off the Coast of Maine north and east of a line 110° true from Cape Porpoise, Maine. However, after Labor Day any of these 300 giants that are not caught will revert back to the general fishery in the northern area.

4. Quotas for purse seine fishermen remain the same, but they are now required to notify the NMFS at least 12 hours in advance of off-loading their catch.

5. The purse seine fishery for giants will open on the day after Labor Day (Sept. 5, 1978). Several other clarifying amendments have also been made.

Vessel registration requirements remain unchanged from 1977. Upon application by the vessel owner, vessel registration certificates are issued free of charge by the Regional Director, NMFS, Gloucester, MA. Vessel owners who have previously registered their vessels need not reapply unless they have obtained a new vessel.

"FRIENDS OF LONG ISLAND" COMMITTEE FORMED

The Marine Environmental Council of Long Island (MECLI) will announce the formation of an ad hoc committee of Long Islanders at a Federal environmental hearing in Riverhead, June 29, 1978, to counter the "Long Island Action Committee," of industry and business executives who formed their organization as a result of the "Long Island at the Crossroads" series in **Newsday** several months ago. The main theme of the "Friends of Long Island" Committee will be to watch all land-use and water development schemes proposed by the "Action" Committee for its environmental impact and to alert the public to ramifications of proposed projects that could effect the quality of life on Long Island.

The "Friends of Long Island" will consist of citizens interested in joining forces to combat further degradation of an already overburdened environment. Members who join for $1 will receive a bumper sticker denoting the motto of the Friends, "We Love Long Island" and also a pledge certificate noting the concerns of the Friends Committee. Write to "Friends of Long Island," P.O. Box 55, Seaford, N.Y. 11783, for application forms.

DISABLED STUDENTS FISH

On Saturday, June 3, thirty-four students, many in wheelchairs, from the Joseph Bulova School of Watchmaking, chartered Captain Pete's "Helen M" and went fluke fishing out of Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn. The boat left at 7 AM and returned at 3 PM.

Jerry Kincaid, resident of Baltimore, Md., President of the Student Council, initiated and organized the trip with the assistance of Mike Ambrose of Orono, Maine; Warren Stewart, St. Mary's, Pa., and Dennis Tricarico of Brooklyn.

Some dozens of fluke were caught. John Azzarello caught the first fluke, and the largest and the most (9). Ms. Carmen Ortiz of The Bronx caught the second largest and John Carmichael from South Africa caught the third largest. George McCarthy of The Bronx and son of one of the instructors, caught the second greatest number of fish (7). Jose Gomez of The Bronx caught the last fish as the final whistle sounded—a sundial!

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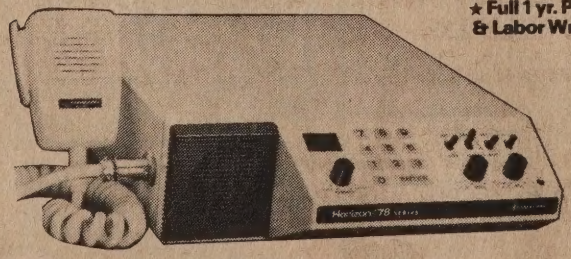

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"SPORTSMEN" WITH WHEELBARROWS?

This is in reference to the hogwash recently written about having a moratorium on striped bass for two years by some of the so-called "sportsmen." Let us call a spade a spade, and get off this hypocritical talk. I am appalled by these writers calling themselves conservationists by daylight and off-season, then taxing the wheelbarrow with burdensome weights of striped bass at night. Such salvation-speaking fishermen foul the air with promises.

Let us face it: many of us who are fortunate enough to have a great deal of time on our hands simply fish because it is the easy way by which many expenses are met. Money is now an important factor and fish (especially striped bass) return vital dollars. This is what it is all about—that extra "YANKEE DOLLAR."

I am not saying that anglers, sportsmen, captains, and mates should not cash in on a bonus catch, or even fish for money, but at least be men about the whole subject. Say that you sell fish and stop telling, or suggesting to others what should be done. This constant preaching of moratorium on striped bass has a tainted aroma when the preacher himself commits the sin.

To me, angling was much less burdensome than pushing a shovel in my spare time. To others, it is a full-time way of life, with many hard knocks, which somewhere down the line is paid for by retailing fish, and in turn, sort of eases the burden. To this day, I am still guilty of supporting an obsession called "fishing" by an occasional abundance of fish shipped to market, but I do not hide behind the mask of sportsmanship about it. Why not stop this hullabalooing in letter writing and preaching of how each and every one of us must protect our fish species from extinction and the writer destroys them continuously and advertises with photos to boot. It is as though we are being told not to litter by the guy who sinks his beer cans and thinks it is great. DICK MERMON, MASSAPEQUA PARK, N.Y.

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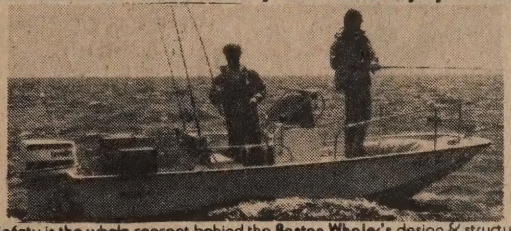

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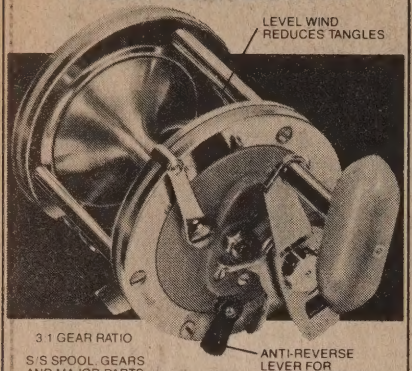

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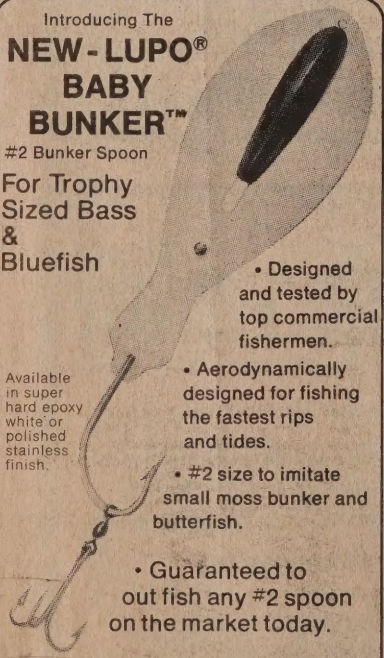

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there around less than 26"? Not many! I have caught over 2,500 pounds of bass to date, and my smallest fish has been a 16 lb. fish that was 28" long. If we are going to pass a law, it should be that we cannot keep bass *over* 26" in length; this way the really big spawners are protected. Secondly, the 26" limit will hurt the occasional fisherman more than the sharpshooters. It is far easier to catch an 18" bass than a big 35 lb. fish; so the occasional fisherman will not be able to keep any small fish he catches, while the commercial guys will be able to keep tonging the big pigs. Thirdly, any size limits must be adopted on a *coast-wide* basis. I feel that the only way to help the fish out is by having a complete moratorium on bass fishing for two to four years and remove them from the market. Let's be honest: at $2 a pound, I'm going to sell every bass I catch. If we have a local bag limit of one fish a day for the table, fine; but we have to get some of the pressure off the fish. It may hurt for a couple of years, but in the long run, it would be best for us all. Again, these regulations *must* apply on a coast-wide basis or they will be unfair and ineffective. RON ONORATO, MONTAUK, N.Y.

HOW ABOUT A BREAK FOR THE HANDICAPPED?

Maybe a word or two in your fine publication will be to our benefit.

I am speaking about handicapped and disabled persons on open party (head) boats.

Many party boats, which I personally fish twice a week, offer senior citizens a nominal discount on weekdays. Many of my former fishing companions who are disabled are discouraged from pursuing their favorite sport because of the prohibitive (high) price of a day's fishing. Some of us may require a bit of help boarding a boat, but once we're aboard, we are no problem at all. We are all on fixed incomes and our disability checks do not compensate for today's H.C.L. (High Cost of Living).

Maybe some of the local skippers will honor us as they do senior citizens. Thanking you in advance. HARRY STAMMERS, 39 GREENRIDGE AVE., GARDEN CITY, N.Y.

We think Harry may have a good idea here. If any head boats out there would like to give the handicapped a break, call me at L.I.F. and we'll relay the info to our readers. We only see one drawback to the idea: who's going to decide who a handicapped person really is. Scott S.

NEW DOC GRELL FAN

I would like to thank Doc Grell for the information on weakfishing in his recent article. My brother-in-law and I just now caught an 8 and 5½ lb. weakfish. This may not seem like much to many fishermen, but to us it has been a rare occurrence. I guess because I always fished in the navigational channels regardless of what tide it was. I figured the deeper the water was, the greater my chance for success. No such luck!

Anyway, thanks again for informing me that I should be on the flats during the flood tide, and in the deeper water adjacent to the flats during the ebb tide. This information has been a great boost to my fishing enjoyment.

Also, thanks for telling me about purple plastic worms fished **very** slowly off the flats into the deeper water during the ebb tide. This produced the 8 lb. weak for me. That is, once it finally dawned on me how slow the worm must be fished. I lost three other fish tonight due to lack of patience and a maladjusted drag. But I was getting strikes on the plastic worm with every other cast. Therefore, I know that this lure and the technique for fishing it will produce many weakfish for me in the near future.

In conclusion I would like to say thanks again, Doc Grell, for the information. It is a priceless gift to me. I would also like to thank the staff of The Fisherman for publishing such an informative publication.
Bob Beecher

LIKES DE LUCA

As an ardent fisherman who has fished most species of fish, except striped bass, I found Ronnie DeLuca's article concerning the equipment and procedures of catching bass very informative. Most of the mentioned equipment is already in my locker—so bass, here I come. Keep up the good writing. **Bill Ziesel, Bayside.**

SEN. CIT. WANTS FISHING PARTNER

As a Senior Citizen with an interest in fishing, I have tried in vain to contact a boat-owner of similar age who would consider letting me share in the care and maintenance of a small boat so that I could take part in a few hours' fishing now and then. If you have the means by which it might be possible to make this appeal heard in the North Shore area, I would be most grateful. JOHN WILSON, 22 Cherry Place, Huntington, N.Y. 11743.

TRAILER SAILORS & LAUNCHING RAMPS

I am a subscriber to your magazine and enjoy it very much. I have just sent a letter off to Juanita Kreps urging her to appoint Scott Simons for New York's seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Council. However, I am writing for another reason. Awhile ago in the Long Island Fisherman May 11, 19th edition, I read an article entitled, "Thoughts on Access." For many years, I have felt the same as Bill Schwenzer, but I would like to expand on his views to other areas. For example, there are many boat owners in this state who cannot afford to keep their boats in a private

marina. In Norwalk, Connecticut, the City of Norwalk maintains a boating pier for residents of Norwalk for just a small fraction of what a private marina charges. My point is why couldn't N.Y. State provide state residents with this same type of service? Many boaters are forced to be trailer sailors because of the high cost of private marinas. Maybe if they had the state in the boating pier business, prices in private marinas may come down some. Speaking of trailer sailors, we are in need of many more launching ramps.

So in summing up, I would like to say we need not only ocean piers, but also public boating docks and more launching ramps. When we have all these, then we can surely be proud to boast of how New York State takes care of their boating and fishing enthusiasts.

One more thing, if Bill Schwenzer sends me the proper information, I would be more than happy to give my time to collect signatures for all of the previous mentioned ideas. No promises, but I think I could get a thousand signatures easily—probably more. I have just fired off a letter to Governor Carey expressing my views, but I feel probably more is needed to influence the politicians; so come on, fellas, get out your pen and paper and write, write, write. My address is: RFD #4, Scarsdale Rd., Carmel, N.J. 10512. **Michael T. Cuero.**

WEAKFISH GILLNETTING REMAINS A PROBLEM

Over the past three years, I have subscribed to the Long Island Fisherman and have read with interest every article from cover to cover. I consider myself a sportsman: hunting and fishing, and I can say that I love the animals I hunt and fish for, never killing too many or taking what I cannot use, all within the law.

The purpose of this letter is to make someone with power aware of the annihilation of the South Bay weakfish population and destruction of their spawning grounds—namely Heckscher flats just north of east and west Fire Islands.

The following is an accounting of my experiences from May 27 to May 31. I had taken a long weekend to scout around for weakfish in that area and I had noticed that the weakfish were beginning to congregate in that area for purposes of spawning. I have been doing this for the past four years and the pattern is always the same around that time of year. First, I would notice a few fish on the flats, then the following days would produce more fish sightings until it reached the point where, standing on top of my boat, I would literally see hundreds of fish. At this time, these fish do not take artificial bait too readily, as their minds are on spawnings. I would say a good catch would be six fish in as many hours, hook and line.

On Sunday, May 28, I noticed about six netters catching weakfish. By

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Wednesday, there were twenty-two commercial netters. By Wednesday night there were but a handful of weakfish left on the flats.

My other observations were that the plant life on the bay bottom, which the fertilized eggs cling to, was floating on top of the water, with much leaves, seaweed, etc., being pulled up from the bottom.

The whole point of this letter is to inform you of what happened: weakfish were being taken by the netters **before** they spawned; while spawning and the habitat which the eggs cling to until maturation was being destroyed; the eggs which were already clinging to the foliage were broken loose to drift away.

Next year, the year after and the year after that, etc., we will observe weakfish in fewer numbers, until the conditions exist when we will have no more weakfish again.

Can't the Long Island Fisherman publicize these events and get its readers to write letters, etc., to preserve the future of this game fish?
Richard Marasco, Patchogue, NY.

It isn't difficult to understand why gillnetting on the Heckscher flats is so annoying to fishermen. More than that it is downright dangerous. Recently, a fisherman lost his life when he fouled his boat in a gillnet. We were really hopeful that one of several versions of a "weakfish gillnetting law" would have been passed by the State Legislature this year. Unfortunately, it appears that the failure of sport fishermen to get together and unite behind one version of the bill left the Legislature with a confusing bad taste. We suspect that the recent loss of a fisherman's life will renew interest. We can't comment with certainty that gillnetting is an environmentally disastrous practice, although we sure wish that available data would allow us to push this as a reason. There is no doubt that if scientists could prove that gillnetting was responsible for a decline in weakfish that we would have legislation pronto. Nonetheless, we DO have good reason for passing a gillnetting law in this state. Gillnets without markers and without restrictions present a real and present danger to navigation and the safety of our citizens on the water. Both life and property are at stake. Sure, we'd like to see some provision which will allow the weaks to spawn before any commercial activity gets going, but that's a philosophy we think should apply as good management practice to all species. We also think it would be a good idea if hook and line commercials would be identified as such and their activities be included in a sound management plan for the weakfish. After all, what good is done if thousands of pounds of gillnet-caught weaks are kept off the market only to be replaced with thousands of pounds of hook and line caught fish. It is a real problem and one which every fisherman should be concerned about. The New York Sportfishing Council has been involved in this problem for sometime. It might be a good idea if all sportsmen throw their support behind the Council and its efforts in order to present a united front to Albany. Perhaps then, we can get more legislation into law. Write to the New York Sportfishing Council, c/o Bob Mayer, Esq., 273 W. Woodside Ave., Patchogue, NY 11772.

CLUB NEWS

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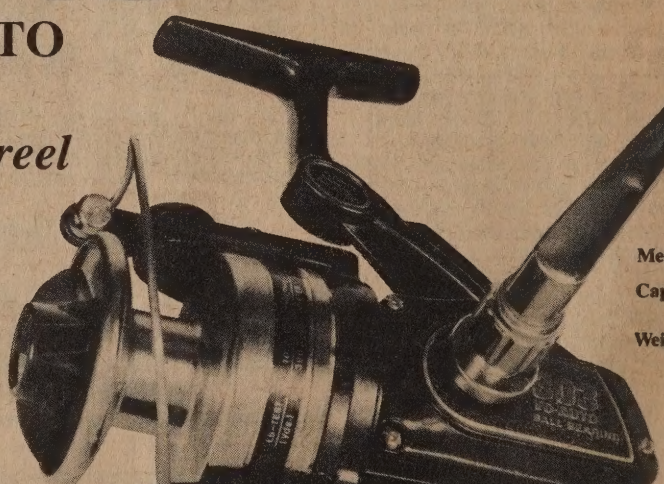

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FIGHTING 26" BASS BILL

Gov. Carey has not signed the 26" striper bill yeat and east end netters are applying increasing pressure. S.O.S. advises everyone who hasn't to telephone Gov. Hugh Carey without delay, urging that he sign striped bass bill A-11929. His phone number is area code (518) 474-8390.

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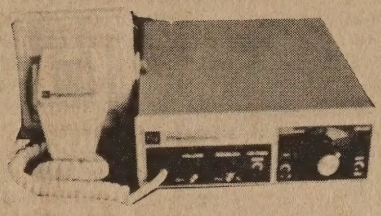

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FISH TALK
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MENHADEN
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THE MANY FACES OF EVE! Here's a fish that goes by so many diverse names that a fisherman needs a score card to know where he's at! In New York waters, the fish is called bunker affectionately; moss bunker at times, and very occasionally—fatbacks. However, north of Connecticut the usual handle is "pogy" and has absolutely nothing to do with "porgy" or more accurately scup. Believe it or not, there are no fewer than thirty common names used for this species in the waters south of Cape Cod alone! The bunker belongs to the herring family and for the uninitiated it is very tough to tell the difference between bunker, shad, alewives, and many other of the common herrings. However, once you become familiar with the unique body characteristic of the bunker, you'll never make an error.

CHARACTERISTICS. The bunker have a much larger head than the other members of the herring tribe and this feature easily gives it away. Like all of the herrings it is broad across the back and the tail is deeply forked. Moss bunker are plankton eaters and, therefore, they have no teeth. The throat of the bunker is amply supplied with gill rakers, fibrous bony elements that act as a strainer, removing tiny plankton as the fish swims along. The dorsal, anal, ventral, and pectoral fins are rather small. This is a fish that is not built for speed. This fact is true of almost all plankton eaters.

COLOR. The sides of a bunker are silvery and the belly is silvery to almost white. The back is dark blue, green, gray, blue with brown, or any combination of these colors. Regardless of the hues and color tones that may characterize the species in certain bodies of water, the fish appears basically blue or greenish-blue with silvery sides. There is a very prominent dark spot, that may be dark brown or almost black, behind the gill plates on the dorsal surface. There are also a varying number of faint and smaller spots near the lateral line about at the body mid-point. The arrangement of these spots is also irregular.

SIZE. Adult moss bunker can reach a weight of one to two pounds and a length in excess of fifteen inches. The average size is considerably smaller, since the fish usually does not live too long owing to a combination of a delicate physiology and heavy predation by larger predator fish.

HABITS. Schools of menhaden usually are very large and it is not unusual for the schools to consist of thousands upon thousands of individuals. Schools of smaller fish may be made up of tens of thousands. They swim very close together and the school is usually structured into layers. They will swim often in a circular pattern, especially when feeding and when they are being harassed by predators. Their constant motion is related to the fact that they must constantly strain the water of plankton when feeding. On calm, bright days they will come to the surface because the plankton that they feed upon may be thick near the surface when there are no strong winds to spread out the tiny plants and animals. They will also come to the surface at dawn and dusk when predators such as bass and blues are likely to wander into shallow water searching for prey.

MENU. I have stated that these fish feed on plankton and thus the diet consists mostly of microscopic plants called diatoms and tiny crustacea. Bunker possess what is probably the most efficient filter feeding apparatus among plankton straining fish. One estimate suggests that the average adult bunker can filter between six and seven gallons of water per minute.

THOU SHALT EAT! Too often we think in terms of the game fish that we seek with hook and line, and thus it's easy to think that the major predator of bunker would be bass and blues. However, they have far more to fear than just these two game fish. Whales and porpoises consume larger numbers of bunker, as do sharks, swordfish, pollack, cod, and almost any large predatory fish. No wonder, then, that the bunker are spooky. I have a friend who is convinced that even the sight of a bergall is enough to send a bunker into heart failure.

REPRODUCTION. We do not know too much about the spawning of this species. We believe that the bulk of the successful spawning takes place at sea and that the juveniles move inshore. Repeated tests to collect viable eggs in Long Island Sound, Peconic Bay and Great South Bay have yielded very disappointing results. Although eggs are found, juveniles are not, leading to the conclusion that the eggs either are not fertilized or that they are fertilized, but do not develop. The bulk of the spawning appears to take place in June and may last into July and August. Some evidence suggests that the fish may spawn into October during some years. The eggs are buoyant and are very similar to other herring fishes. The eggs develop rapidly and although we have few experiments to mark the timing exactly, it seems that most of the eggs hatch in less than forty-eight hours. Maturation is rather fast. Spawning occurs at different times up and down the Coast, so the sizes of different bodies of fish at different Coastal points may vary greatly. Fish that were hatched during the summer off southern New England will be between two and three inches by late autumn. These same fish will be slightly more than six inches at the end of their second autumn. Fish that are hatched in the fall will be about one inch at the start of their first winter, and about five inches at the start of their second winter. Although these fall-hatched fish will be almost two inches smaller than their summer hatched cousins, they will only be one inch smaller a year later. In both cases, the fish become sexually mature during their third winter, and studies of scale growth rings indicate that the fish can live as long as ten years.

CYCLE. The menhaden, without question, goes through alternating periods of increased and decreased abundance. We can successfully trace this cycle back into the late 1880s by using the commercial catch statistics. Little other evidence exists, since the fish do not take a hook and line and since scientific study on finfish has not been as extensive as we might like. True, because of the high commercial value of bunker, more research has been done on bunker than many other species, but extensive precise evaluation of the biology of the species is needed. The bunker were very abundant around 1890 off New England, but declined rapidly to a low point in 1895-1897. The stocks rebuilt quickly during the first decade of this century and then declined again in the second decade. However, by the early 1920s, they were once again very abundant. In fact, they became so abundant that the number of boats that sought to harvest them increased significantly and more than one-and-a-half million pounds were harvested in Massachusetts Bay alone! The cycle continued so that they were only sporadically taken in northern waters during the period 1940 to 1948, but again increased towards the end of the 1940s.

OUR LAST BIG PEAK! It has been about ten years since the bunker were extremely plentiful in our waters. This is especially true for Long Island Sound where, in the middle 1960s, huge schools of small bunker were prominent. Although schools of larger fish are still quite common, they clearly do not exist in the same numbers. It is difficult to gauge the cycle as to a specific number of years, because their occurrence in some

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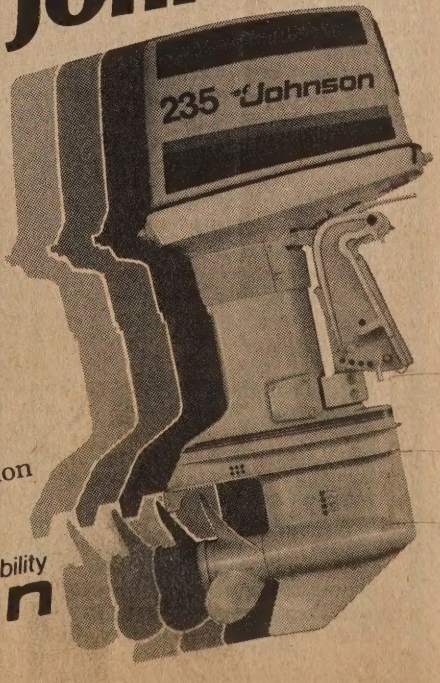

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Resolution Opposing 26 Inch Bass Limit Fails at Council Meeting

As has frequently been mentioned in this column, striped bass do not fall within the jurisdiction of the regional fishery management councils since they are caught almost exclusively within state jurisdictions (inside of the three mile territorial limit). Therefore it was quite a surprise to most Council members when New York members, Laurie McHugh and Nancy Goell introduced a resolution relative to this subject at the June meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Council in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The resolution simply would place the Council on record as being opposed to any change in state laws prior to receiving recommendations from the State-Federal task force now working on the problem. No mention of the 26 inch limit proposed in New York was made, but that was obviously the reason for bringing this matter up.

Council Chairman Dave Hart objected to the resolution on the basis that it referred to matters within state jurisdiction and really wasn't any of our business. Most other members took the same position. I noted that it was the proposed 26 inch limit that had led to this resolution and opposed the motion on the basis of its implication (hopefully unintended) that no conservation measure should be taken unless everyone can agree on the same conservation measures. By taking on the surf clam plan for the State-Federal Program, the Council made it possible for those funds to be used in the striped bass program. This is a very worthwhile endeavor which deserves our support. Unfortunately, it's likely to be sometime before any agreement can be reached on a unified plan of action for the coastal states on the migratory striped bass resource—and a great deal longer before the states start implementing anything that may be agreed upon.

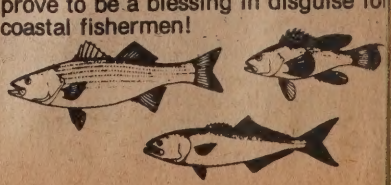
Whether one agrees with the concept of the 26 inch limit or not, there is no disputing the fact that it is a conservation measure that will take some degree of pressure off the remaining stocks. This measure was suggested at an SOS seminar last winter by Maryland Biologist Ben Florence. The basis for the 26 inch figure was that this would ensure that every female striper would get the opportunity to spawn at least once. Ben also felt it would make it easier to "sell" a 14 inch minimum in Maryland, an action that would permit many more male fish to spawn and also release additional fish from the nursery area to the migratory run. Ben's presentation was so well delivered that action to implement started right away and recently passed the State Assembly (normally the death bed of marine conservation measures) with only a few negative votes. In fact, I kidded Laurie McHugh (an eminent marine biologist) about the fact that his resolution opposed the first instance I can remember of normally skeptical marine anglers accepting advice on a restrictive measure from a scientist—and actually rushing toward implementation!

To be sure, there are problems with the 26 inch limit. In "clean" fisheries, such as rod and reel and pound traps, small bass can be released unharmed. However, in "dirty" fisheries, such as gillnetting and dragging, most released fish will die. The ideal way to control such fisheries is by restricting mesh size. This could be done where fisheries are directed toward striped bass, but most of such fisheries are now targeted toward other species due to the scarcity of stripers. For instance, in order to protect bass up to 26 inches from gillnetters, a mesh size that would also result in the escape of weakfish and bluefish would be required. As a practical matter, we'll just have to accept a certain amount of waste if a 26 inch limit is enacted. However, that certain amount of waste is likely to represent a very small proportion of the catch and the fact remains that the 26 inch limit would be a significant conservation measure.

There is no longer any reasonable doubt about the fact that the striped bass fishery is in deep trouble. Some spotty examples of great fishing for large bass continue to occur (great quantities are being taken off of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket as this is being written) and, undoubtedly, will occur for the next few years even if no large new year classes appear in the fishery. No one knows how many bass remain from the great year classes of 1964 and 1970. The only certain thing is that there can only be fewer of these fish every years. Without significant new recruitment, the future is dismal despite any efforts on our part to conserve the dwindling stocks. As in the case of the Council's action with mackerel, the only course of action available now is to conserve enough spawning stock (and how much that is, is anyone's guess) to ensure that when spawning conditions are right, there will be sufficient numbers of male and female stripers present to take advantage of the situation. Of course, there is a crying need for information relating to the effect of various pollutants and other environmental changes on striper spawning success; but, as a practical matter, there is little we can do about changing these conditions in the short run.

The encouraging thing about the situation in New York is the fact that so many fishermen have finally faced up to the fact that striped bass (as well as every other species) won't just reproduce like Schmoos forever no matter how many we harvest. When the call for conservation comes not only from the "sports," but from the real sharpies (such as Captains John DeMaio and Ron Onorato) who make their living by catching bass, then you know there's a chance to accomplish something meaningful. The State-Federal Program should be pushed as hard as possible, but that's no reason not to bite the bullet now on a conservation measure—even one that may not be perfect by every standard!

The McHugh resolution was voted down with only four affirmatives from the three New York public members (McHugh, Goell, and Pell) and Douglas (Va.). One encouraging note from my trip to Virginia: a local fisherman familiar with the Virginia river systems told me that they are loaded with very small bass. This is particularly true in the James, the river closed to commercial fishing due to the Kepone contamination problem. Since Virginia doesn't protect large spawners (as the major nursery state, Maryland, does), the contamination that closed the James could prove to be a blessing in disguise for coastal fishermen!



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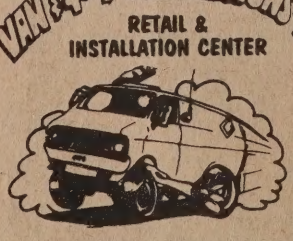

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WETSUITS
★PART ONE★

The incoming tide had slackened at Shagwong, along with the fishing we were enjoying. It was time to catch the outgoing tide at North Bar; so the three of us—who comprised sixty percent of the fishermen spread over two hundred yards of beachfront, piled into the buggies for our next stop on this full night of fishing. My watch showed 2 AM when our buggy rounded the point of False Bar and our hearts sank in dismay at the number of vehicles crowded into the limited space at North Bar. Further investigation revealed a half-dozen fishermen wearing waders, working the right side of the point. They obviously were catching nothing, for one or two started to leave the water as we watched. Off to the left, two barely visible shapes were able to be discerned in the darkness. Only with the aid of binoculars were we able to see that they were into fish. It was evident that the waders we were dressed in from our previous fishing would not suffice in this instance. Out came the wet suits, and in short order, we were chest deep in the swells curling along the outer bar.

On this particular night the fish, in this case weakfish, were lying in the rip formed off the outer bar. The surfmen wearing waders who tried to join us in the deep water, had only a good soaking as a reward for their persistence.

Basically, there are two types of wet suits employed by the surf casting clan. The jacket remains the same and can be used with either style of pants. The first is the standard waist-high pants found on the older suits. The second is a bib-type coverall known as the "Farmer John." If you are purchasing a suit new, I recommend the Farmer John outfit. First of all, if the weather is warm, the jacket can be dispensed with and you will still be afforded a certain amount of protection for your upper torso. In colder weather, this double layer of insulation retains more body heat. Cost could be a factor in your choice, but whichever style pants you choose, ask to try on the jacket to check the fit. It should fit snugly without excessive binding in the armpits or elbows. This will have to be tried on dry, of course, but remember the suit is more comfortable when wet. A custom fit suit will fit best of all, but for this, you'll have to spend more money.

As implied in a previous paragraph, the wet suit is used to best advantage when one has to wade deep into the water. After the first shock of cold water entering your suit, the heat from your body will warm the water to equalize with your body temperature. The air spaces in the foam rubber will trap this heated water against your skin.

There are occasions when the wet suit is of no advantage, particularly when the fish are at your feet in the wash. It is times such as this, when the suit remains dry, that chafing occurs inside the elbows and under the armpits. Hang in there, for when the fish move into deeper water you'll be able to follow; when the anglers clad in conventional surf gear are left behind at the water's edge.

One other annoyance one must contend with when standing in shallow water is that often the force of the waves rushing up your legs can force cold water under the bottom edge of your jacket, occasionally adding fresh cold water to your chest area. The higher cut on the Farmer John type pants will help alleviate this discomfort.

If forced to stand in shallow water, intermittently being wet by the rolling surf, the insulating value of the suit can be lost to the cooler air temperatures. This loss of heat from the upper torso can be reduced by wearing your waterproof top over your wet suit. Besides having the quality of shedding water, this top is also an effective wind-break, which is the main culprit in robbing body heat.

Aside from what was written previously, there are certain instances when the wet suit is beneficial in shallow water. In such places as the Lighthouse area of Montauk and on certain jetties along the south shore with the constant spray and frequent trips below to gaff fish, the wet suit is safer and less cumbersome.

Climbing down among slippery rocks wearing waders can be a difficult and dangerous experience. Waves crashing overhead can throw one off-balance, or at the very least, find various ways to gain entrance under waders and waterproof top. Needless to say, if one loses his footing, swimming in a wet suit is much easier than when impaired with clumsy waders.

The buoyancy provided by a wet suit will allow a surfman to swim short distances to reach rocks or bars beyond the limit of shore-bound anglers. Montauk and many north shore areas provide countless casting platforms (rocks) in good fishing locations. Bars formed off sandy beaches, such as the one at Cedar, are suited for the use of wet suits. The trough formed by the beach and the bar along Fire Island and Jones can be crossed hours before the tide has dropped sufficiently to be managed with waders.

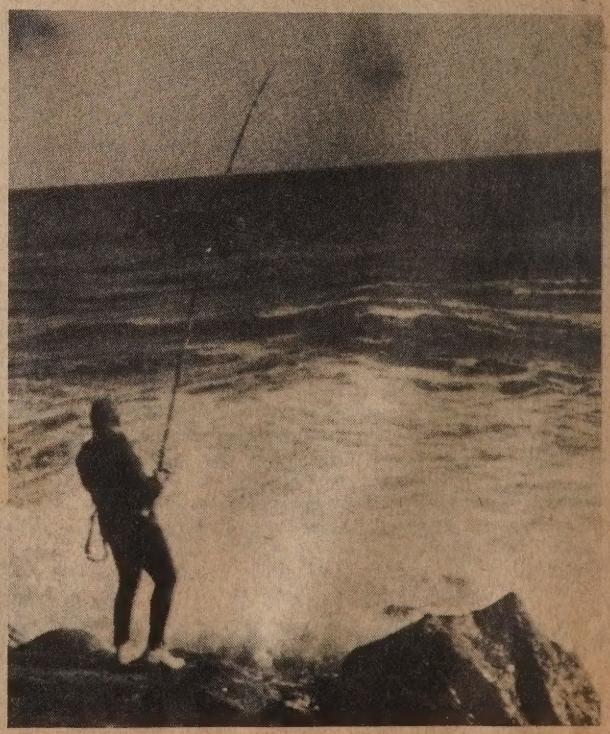
Care must be taken so as not to over-extend oneself. Surf conditions and tide should be gauged so that your trip out and back will allow you to reach your destination. Being encumbered with gear and rod detracts from any swimming ability you might possess. Do not try to buck the tide, but rather use it to your advantage in angling toward a specific location.

The overhand swimming stroke cannot be used while carrying your gear. Swim either side stroke, possibly poling yourself along with your rod, or try the backstroke with the rod clenched between your thighs and your bag resting on your chest.

Often the distance of a few yards will mean the difference in whether you catch fish or not. Any advantage we can give ourselves should be taken, whether it's to get further into the water, or used to get away from the crowds.

In Part II, we will cover some of the accessories and modifications in equipment needed for fishing off the beach.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Wet suits are a valuable tool for surf fishermen. However, they can also be lethal to the uninitiated who push too far, too fast. If you plan to use a wet suit, latch on to some guys who already know the score and learn your lessons well! You'll live longer.



THE FISHING SCENE

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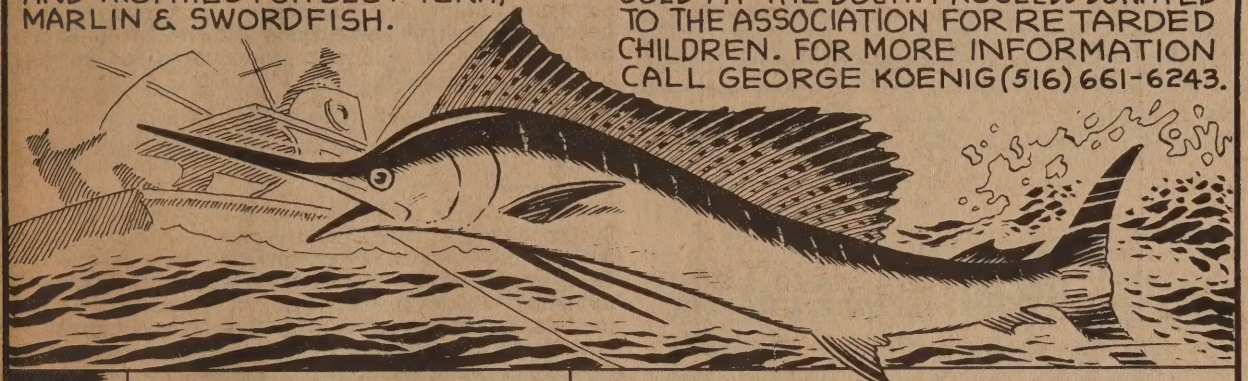

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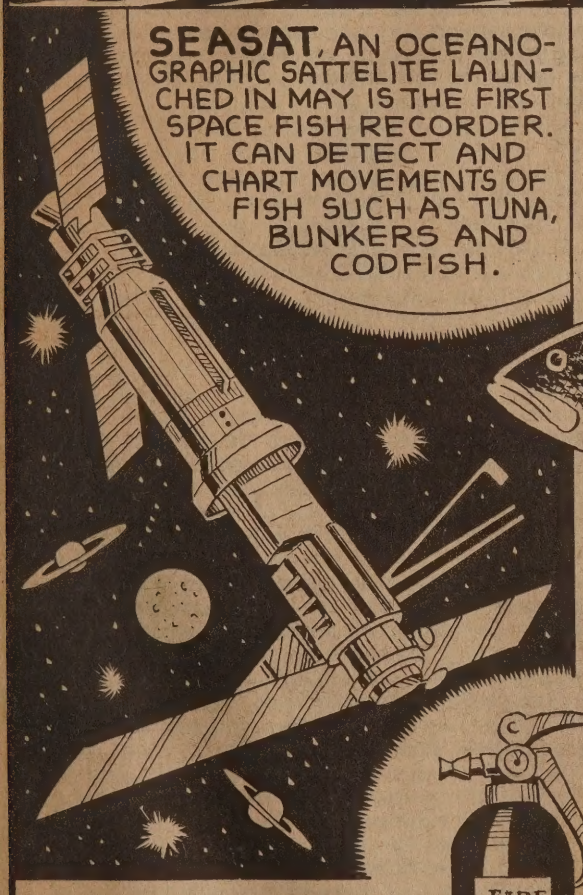

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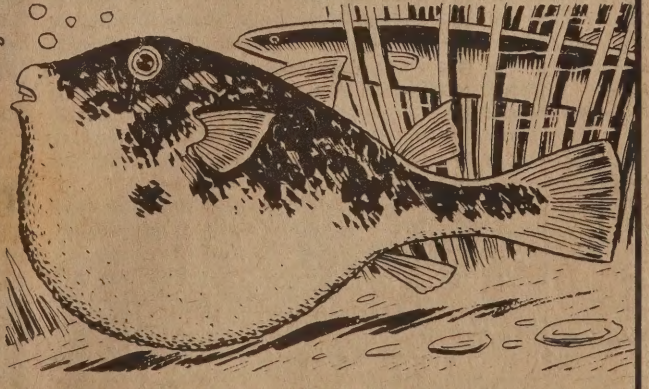

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THE REAL GREAT WHITE SHARK STORY!

On Friday, June 23rd, Capt. John Sweetman harpooned and lost a Great White Shark that he estimated to be thirty-feet in length. The news media sensationalized the encounter, and as a result the real story of what happened that day has never been told. To put the event in its proper perspective, The Long Island Fisherman spent several days interviewing everyone that was an active participant in the event. The interviews were made by our Managing Editor, Scott Simons, and excerpts from them and background information on related events are published on the following pages.

Interview with
CAPT. JOHN SWEETMAN
of the charterboat "Ebb Tide"

Captain John Sweetman of the *Ebb Tide* was interviewed on two consecutive nights by the Editor to get the full story behind what happened with the Great White Shark that Friday. During the first interview, they were interrupted twice by the WNEW Channel 5 and the television show AM-America, both seeking to interview John about his encounter with the GWS.

We were on our way out on a shark charter, loaded down with chum, bait and the works. Sailing about due south, we were about 14 to 14½ miles from the Point in 182 feet of water. I saw a fin—a decent size fin—which is not uncommon. Usually it turns out to be a giant sunfish or a basking shark, but I always check it out anyway and the customers get a kick out of seeing something big, even though it may be harmless. In any case, as I cruised over I saw a second fin—another fish, only it was smaller than the first. But there is no doubt that there were two fish.

As I approached the second "smaller" shark and was maybe 200 feet away from it, things started to happen pretty quickly. At first the fin was not any unusual size. But as the Ebb Tide approached, the fish started rising to the surface and the fin started rising out of the water and growing larger and larger. It just kept coming up and up and up ... so help me, Scott, the fin stuck that high out of the water. (At this point John held his hand over the floor as if he were dribbling a basketball.)

And then we saw the tail—and this is when I knew that we had a white. When you see that dorsal and the tail, you KNOW when you've met Mr. White. It was moving in a zigzag pattern in crisp moves. It was not like a lazy movement, this was a moving fish with action. I was certain it wasn't a basking shark right away. The first difference is in the tail of the basking shark, which kinda lazily flaps similar to the sunfish. And they have such a stupid looking dorsal fin; it's so obvious to anyone who has seen a lot of basking sharks.

So, anyhow, I was amazed at the size of this fin and said to myself, "Well, John, there he IS!" So I had Jim go into the bow and started moving the boat in a zigzag course up to the fish. I like to approach the fish with my engines humming and never changing speed, trying to keep the noise I am making consistent so that I don't spook the fish as I maneuver the boat into a good angle for the dart. I do this for any fish I am trying to harpoon, however. Meanwhile, Jimmy looked up at me from the bow and all I said was "steel." Jimmy is my son, so we have good communications and he understood what I meant right away and broke out the harpoon with the steel cable on it, about twenty-four-feet-long. This is only used on the big sharks, because it will butcher up a swordfish pretty good. But you need it because line will fray against the tough hide of a strong shark.

We don't have a pulpit on the Ebb Tide, but Jimmy is a big strong kid who can throw a harpoon with the best of them. When I was over the fish, Jimmy reached back and threw the harpoon with one hand. It was a perfect shot, hitting the fish just behind the dorsal and about six inches down. So I said to Jim, "How good did you get him?" And he was a little leery, and said "I don't know, Dad, but he was sounding and I had to throw." The little shark had already sounded by this time. I know I keep saying that this was a small one, but I never saw the body of the fish and don't even know if the dorsal was fully extended above the surface. But I can tell you that it wasn't any 150 pound pup: it was only "small" in comparison with the big one.

I said to Jimmy that I figured that the big white shark was about thirty-two-feet-long, but he said "No, I don't think it's that big Dad, but whatever it is, it's BIG!" So I moved down to the bow to help Jim feed the line out and bring down a knife in case we have to cut the warp. (**Ed's. Note:** The "warp" is the line connecting the steel cable to the barrels.) The line was really peeling out, and I could see right away that we were going to need more than one barrel for this guy—this thing was capable of towing one barrel underwater all day! So I rigged up a second half-keg before we reached the end of the 300 feet of line and they both went over. Then the fish really took off, steaming along just under the surface, with the barrels almost skipping over the top of the water. The fish surfaced, and that's normally the time to run up on him or stick him with another dart, which was no problem because we had six of them aboard. Or I could have run up on him and put about twenty shots in him with the carbine, but I wouldn't do that. I just don't have the heart to do that; I don't think it's fair. I wanted to fight the fish on even terms: him pulling one way and me pulling the other.

As I said, you usually try to run up on the fish to get another dart in him—but when I started to run I found that I couldn't get the boat in front of him because he was MOVING. He was heading in a straight line due south, moving out to the deeper water. But I had to try and kind of circle around in front of him so that I didn't get the warp fouled in my propellers. The fish was right on the surface moving extremely fast, and we could see that the warp was also right on the surface and there was no WAY we were going to be able to catch up with him without running over it. Captain Gary Kieffer on his charterboat "Barracuda" arrived then, having run out on the same course that I had. Garry offered to help out, but he didn't have any iron (harpoon) aboard.

So that's when I decided to get in touch with Montauk Paul. (**Ed.'s Note:** Montauk Paul is Captain Paul Sundberg of the charter boat Montauk, considered by many, including the interviewer, to be the best shark man

on the East Coast. His story of White Friday follows Sweet John's.)

I got on the radio and called Paul and told him "Big Blue (a nickname), I've got a heavy on." That's all I said, and he said "Hold on, I'm on my way!" Now mind you, Paul had just gotten married and was on an inshore bluefishing trip. After the half-day trip, he was leaving for a honeymoon! But that didn't stop Paul when he found out I needed help. He pulled in his lines and arrived at our position in about an hour, and stayed alongside until the end of the battle amost twelve hours later. The reason I called Montauk Paul was that I figured that he could get in front of the fish and if he surfaced again, might have the chance to get the second harpoon into him. He had surfaced twice in the first half hour, but as I said, I couldn't catch up to him. But I wanted to be ready for the next time he came up. The fish was still really moving, changing his course from south to southeast, dragging the barrels with him. A few times he sounded, and dragged the kegs down with him. That's when I realized the tremendous strength of the white that we had on, and I was afraid that we would lose contact with him. (**Ed's. Note:** Unfortunately, this is exactly what happened the following day when the crew of the "Sayfish" out of the Star Island Yacht Club harpooned another big shark. See the story that follows.) That's when we decided to cleat him up. So we caught up with the barrels and got one with the flying gaff in the eye of one of the barrels. Both Jim and I held onto the gaff and braced our knees on the transom as the shark started to tow the boat backwards. As soon as we were able to, we tied the line to a cleat, then rigged up a harness that was attached to BOTH cleats—port and starboard—so that he couldn't tip the boat and pull the corner of the transom down.

After about three hours of a steady tow job by the shark, we could see by the angle of the warp in the water that he was coming up to surface again. So I called Paul, who had been standing by all this time and keeping his boat in position. So Paul moved right up on the fish while his mate Mike, had the harpoon cocked in the bow, waiting to strike. Montauk Paul got his boat to within about twenty feet of the shark when the mate saw it, but it was still about five feet underwater and started to sound when it heard the engines of the boat and it was too far for Mike to get a shot off. But Mike had gotten a good look at the fish.

"OH, MY GOD!" Mike just kept repeating that—"OH, MY GOD, JOHN—OH, MY **GOD**!" Those were his exact words. And he got so excited that he dropped the harpoon in the water; he just couldn't believe the size of the shark he had just seen. Jimmy said that his boots were shaking at this point.

It was at this point, while Montauk Paul was maneuvering the boat and Mike was on the bow yelling, that the first helicopter showed up on the scene. It immediately came down close to the water right over the fish and churned up the water. It came so close that the wind blew Mike's hat off in the bow of the Montauk! There were people hanging out of all the windows, taking pictures like crazy. Now, who has those pictures, what's going to happen to them—I don't know. But I have a feeling that somebody out there is sitting on those pictures waiting to make a big deal with somebody. It would sure clear things up if those photos were released. I've tried to track down whose helicopter it was, but I haven't been able to find it. All I can tell you is that it was the first helicopter on the scene and it was a maroon-and-white helicopter with letters on the side. And I know that no other helicopter or plane got pictures of the fish except this one, because the fish never came up to the surface again.

When this first helicopter swooped down, the shark naturally sounded, and that's when our real problems began. Before long, the sky was filled with helicopters and airplanes of every description. They all wanted to get a picture of the shark, and every time they saw the warp coming up, they would swoop down close to the water right on top of him and the shark would naturally sound again. We tried to talk to them on the radio, but they wouldn't listen. Montauk Paul was trying to talk to them and tell them the problem they were creating, but the traffic on the radio at this time was just too much to get any message across.

Till my dying day, I will firmly believe that this was the only reason that we didn't beat the shark. There was just no way that we could get a shot at the shark to hit him with another dart because the air traffic had the shark spooked and he wouldn't come all the way to the surface, even though he started to many, many times. For the next eight or nine hours we just went for a boat ride, with the fish towing us all over the ocean. The white shark was magnificent, and unbelievably powerful. I'm firmly convinced that if he had decided to charge, like the great white shark that attacked Montauk Paul's boat and tried to take a bite out of the Montauk, that this great white would have easily tipped us over. I am firmly convinced of that. I've just never seen a fish that was so powerful, so beautiful, so strong, so determined in my life. Both Jimmy and I were standing by with a knife in case the fish were to suddenly charge, or drag the stern down.

Nobody could dream of, or even comprehend, what it was half-like to go through the experience that we did on that White Friday. You just have to do it yourself. Since the incident, a few people have said that it must have been a basking shark and that I didn't put enough pressure on the fish. How anyone who wasn't there could say something like that, I'll never know. Frank Keating wrote a column saying that he thought it was a basking shark and he never even bothered to talk to me on the telephone. As for not putting more pressure on the shark—that was impossible. That rope was like an iron bar! That shark pulled my boat backwards for more than twenty miles, dragging 300 feet of three-quarter inch manilla line and two half-kegs. If that isn't pressure—I don't know what it is.

As far as some people saying that this was all a hoax

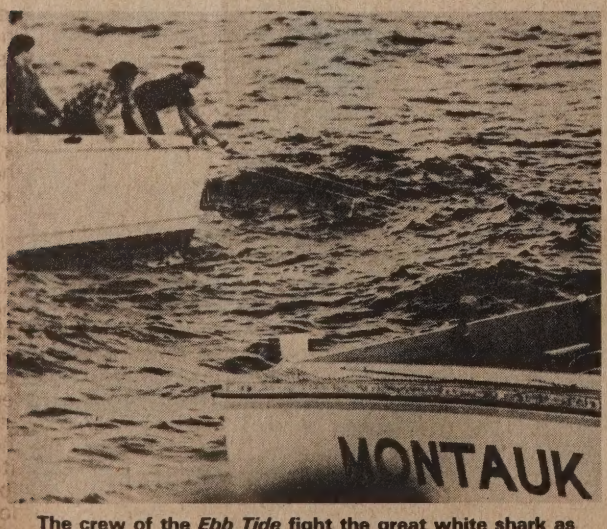
Capt. Ted Monell stands by the Great White Shark that he harpooned at Montauk in 1974. It was 16 feet 7 inches long and weighed 2,500-lbs. The battle lasted 4 hours.

for the sake of publicity, that's so ridiculous that I can't believe that anyone would be foolish enough to even suggest it. A hoax made in front of hundreds of eyewitnesses? Half the boats in Montauk were out there eventually, watching my boat being pulled backwards for over fourteen miles. And don't forget all the damn helicopters and airplanes that filled the air like it was the invasion of Normandy. The only reason I can think of for someone claiming the whole thing was a hoax was that someone wanted to wangle some publicity out of the incident. I know one thing, it sure didn't hurt the business of any motel owner that I know. In fact, you couldn't rent a room in Montauk this weekend, and one motel owner told me that I was probably responsible for bringing 5,000 people into town. So who was hurt by it? I know that most of the charterboat skippers have had their phones ringing with people who have suddenly decided they want to go shark fishing.

In any case, to get back to the shark: we never did get a second dart into the fish because he never came up again. We started in 182 feet of water and ended up in 230 feet. We were towed something like fourteen miles, backwards. At the end, we were coming up on him and had all of the warp back in the boat. We had the cable up to the barrel, all but about two or three feet. We could see the outline of the fish under the boat and we were holding, and holding and holding. Just when we thought we finally had him licked, the line suddenly went slack and I immediately knew that the fish had won the battle. My first thought was that the dart had finally pulled out after thirteen hours of tremendous pressure, but it turned out that the line had chafed just above the cable and broken.

The fish won, and more power to him. And I have no regrets. It's all part of the game: sometimes I win, sometimes the fish wins. But the fish won fair and square, and I'm just thankful that I was given the opportunity to do battle with such a magnificent animal.

Editor's Note: After the fish was lost, Captain Sweetman piloted the vessel back to Lake Montauk, and it was upon his arrival there that he showed his mettle and laid my mind at rest about him not being interested in publicity. Knowing that television cameras and news media people from television, radio and national magazines were waiting for the Ebb Tide's return to a marina which had been aggressively promoting the event, Sweet John passed the marina by and continued on to dock in his regular slip at the marina he sails from and returns to everyday, before he became a "celebrity"—the West Lake Fishing Lodge. Nevertheless, more than 600 people were waiting for him and gave him standing ovation. Not many people in this world would show such loyalty and turn up their noses at "Stardom."



The crew of the *Ebb Tide* fight the great white shark as the charterboat *Montauk* stands by to harpoon it again.

What the Charter Saw...

The *Ebb Tide* had been chartered that day by a group of six fishermen headed by Gordon Kristiansen for a day of offshore shark fishing. Also aboard that day with Gordon were his son and Paul Horgan, Dennis Berthiaume, Jack Seracursa and Al Cuffaro. The editor was able to contact three of them, who gave the following accounts in telephone interviews:

Gordon Kristiansen: "We had been sailing quite awhile and were getting close to our destination, when the Captain said he saw a fin. He moved the boat over to it and we all could see the dorsal fin moving along at a pretty good speed. The fin stuck out of the water a good two-and-a-half feet. My son said later that he saw the top of the tail, but I didn't. Later in the day—about 3:30—the Captain and the mate had been able to pull in the line to the point where we could see the beginning of the cable. Deep down in the water we could make out an outline of a huge shark that was pretty dark in color. There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that we had what the Captain said we had. We never saw the fish or the fin again because it looked like the noise from the helicopters was scaring it every time it came close to the surface. The other charterboat, the Montauk, tried to take a shot at it with a harpoon, but one of the helicopters came down so close that it blew the mate's hat off into the water and scared the fish. I took a roll of pictures, and I am sure that I got some good shots of the big fin. When we got back to the dock late that night, someone from CBS-TV took the roll of film from me and said they they would have it developed for me. A couple of days went by and they sent me a letter and some negatives that had streaks all over them, like water or chemical marks. But no image. They said that they had it checked out by a laboratory at the Daily News and said that there was something wrong with the film I was using. Bull! I'm trying to find some experts to look at the negatives to tell me what went wrong, but I think that they goofed. Some goof!"

Paul Horgan: "The dorsal fin extended from the water a good two to three feet. The top of the fin was almost the same color as a blue shark, but with more gray. I couldn't see the body of the shark, but could make out a dark shadow of a really huge fish. The tip of the tail came out of the water about four inches or so, and I estimated that it was about seventeen feet between the dorsal and the tip of the tail. I've been out with this captain on charters before, and believe him when he says that it was a white shark. In any case, that big fish was for real and it wasn't any hoax. I don't know who this Nick Monte is or what his motives are, but all I can say is that he's full of it and I called him on Saturday and told him so."

Dennis Berthiaume: "The dorsal fin was very dark and we all could see it moving through the water in a pretty straight line, like the shark was going somewhere. It was colored very dark and was at least two to two-and-a-half feet high. All you could make out was this dark gray shadow, but we couldn't see any details of the body itself. We kept out of the Captain and mate's way as much as possible because they really had their hands full. About all we did was coil up the rope they were pulling in so that it wouldn't get tangled when the fish took it out again."

The Editor also interviewed several of the other charterboat captains that were actually on the scene. Amond them were was Captain Gary Kieffer of the charterboat *Barracuda* out of Montauk's *West Lake Fishing Lodge.*

Capt. Gary Kieffer: "I had an offshore charter that day for people from "People" Magazine. I sail from the same marina as John on the Ebb Tide, but he left the dock about an hour before me. I was heading out to the Butterfish Hole on the same course that Sweet John had taken, and

when I reached his position, he had already harpooned the shark and had the barrels over. He said that it was a big white and told me to try and get another dart in it if I got the chance. But I didn't have any iron with me that day, so I was helpless. But I passed over my shotgun and slugs to them in case the fish started getting mad when he was hit with the flying gaff. I had to more or less force John to take the gun because he doesn't like to shoot sharks because he thinks it isn't fair to the fish. That's all well and good, but this wasn't just any fish, and I talked him into taking the gun just in case.

The shark was towing the Ebb Tide backwards at an incredible speed which I estimated with my boat to vary from three to five knots an hour. This was unbelievable considering that the Ebb Tide weighs better than seventeen-and-a-half tons and was being pulled through the water stern first. The shark towed that boat for almost thirteen hours backwards, and kept the two barrels submerged for hours at a time. It was this unbelievable strength and stamina that convinced me that there was no doubt about it—John had latched onto one hell of a great white shark. I only got to see the fish once, when Montauk Paul tried to hit the fish with a second dart. The bow of the Montauk was pointed at the stern of the Ebb Tide and I was kind of at a right angle to them with the Barracuda. At one point I could see the fish broadside, but he was still too deep to make out any detail. But I'll tell you this: the shadow of that fish was damn near as big as the Ebb Tide, and was every bit as big as the thirty feet they estimated it to be.

As far as putting more pressure on the fish, that's a crock. First of all, it had a tremendous amount of pressure on it and don't forget that they only had the one dart in the fish. How that dart never pulled out, I'll never know. The concern was to get a second and third dart in the fish before this first one pulled out. It turned out that dart did hold for the entire battle, so now it's easy to look back in retrospect and say more pressure should have been applied. But that's only backseat driving and Monday morning quarterbacking or whatever else you want to call it. Personally, I wouldn't have done anything different. John and his son did a great job, and didn't have any regrets when they lost the battle and the white won. What more could you ask?"

Karl Grossman—is a free lance writer who was aboard the pivate boat "Galatea" and wrote an excellent article about the adventure in the June 29 issue of the East Hampton Star. "There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that the charterboat Ebb Tide had an incredibly large shark which was intent on dragging the boat backwards in the water. The boat I was on was standing by until the fish was finally lost at about 8:30 that evening. In my opinion, the crew had an excellent chance of beating the fish except for the helicopters that were on the scene and kept swooping down to near-water level trying to get a picture of the shark when it came to the surface. Naturally, with all that commotion the shark wasn't about to cooperate. The choppers got so ridiculous with their antics, ignoring the crews of the Ebb Tide and Montauk who were constantly trying to wave them off, that the captain of our vessel finally couldn't take it any more. Dr. Richard Hausknecht is both a gynecologist and a well-known big game fisherman. To scare one chopper which was particularly daring, he just pointed the bow of his boat at the aircraft and tried to run him down. Needless to say, the chopper pilot kept a little more altitude on his next strafing run at the boats."

MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

Just as we were about to go to press on Monday, we received a report that a "juvenille" great white shark weighing only 45-poundswas caught Saturday in the Charvin Tournament out of Freeport. This is further evidence of large great white sharks using Long Island waters as their nursery.

HENRY COLOMBI PUTS BOUNTY ON FIRST GREAT WHITE SHARK OVER 2000-POUNDS

In an effort to dispel the charges of hoax and to destroy the contention that a large Great White Shark is not swimming in the waters off Montauk at the present time, Henry Colombi of the *Star Island Yacht Club* in Montauk has posted a bounty of $1.00 a pound for the first Great White Shark brought into his marina, the largest in Montauk, that weighs 2,000-lbs. or more. The first 2,000-lbs. count, so if the shark weighs 6000-lbs. the reward will be $6,000.

To verify the weight of the fish it will be hoisted onto a truck with the marina's travel lift that is normally used for hauling boats out of the water. The truck will be weighed both with and without the shark at a truck-weigh-station, and the difference between the two will be accepted as the official weight. The fisherman landing the shark still owns the shark, its jaws and teeth naturally. The only stipulation to collect the bounty is that the *Star Island Yacht Club* must be the *first* point of landing of the fish and it must remain at the marina for 72-hours. The marina will also have publishing rights to photographs of the shark.

Interview with
CAPT. PAUL SUNDBERG
of the charterboat "Montauk"

Captain John Sweetman had quickly realized early in the battle with the shark that he was going to need help in order to get a second harpoon in the fish. He called his good friend on the charterboat *Montauk,* Capt. Paul "Big Blue" Sundberg. The following story was written from an interview made with Capt. Sundberg after he had read the rough draft of the L.I.F. interview with John Sweetman and confirmed the details ofhis account of the incident that day:

"There is absolutely no doubt in my mind whatsoever that the shark I saw that day was a great white shark, and it was every bit as big as John said it was. The most unbelievable part of it all was the thickness of the body, which I estimated to be between seven and eight feet. Now I'm not talking about the girth, mind you, I'm talking about the **diameter.** I had a real good look at the shark because he was right under my bow and I was in the flying bridge. The fish came up slowly right under us, but Mike couldn't get a good shot at it because it was too deep.

The reason I am positive it was a great white shark is because I have seen and harpooned two of them that I estimated to be over twenty feet; one in 1974 and one in 1975. I have also seen more than my share of basking sharks, although I don't make a habit of harpooning defenseless creatures, so I know the differences between the two. At one point, the fish turned and I was able to get a good look at him broadside. The first difference between the two is the coloration. Both the mako and white shark have a distinct line distinguishing the point where the color on the side of the fish blends from a gray to the white of the belly; unlike on the basking shark where the color kind of slowly blends into the white of the belly. The color is also quite different: the basking is kind of a reddish

brown and has spots on it, while both the mako and white are solid gray and white. The shark that John harpooned was clear, solid gray and was unblemished. But the biggest giveaway was the tremendous strength and stamina of the shark. Every professional captain I have talked to all agreed that the basking shark would give up much easier. They are plankton eaters and just don't have the muscle tissue the whites do, which are strictly meat-eaters.

The helicopter that came right down on us when Mike was trying to put the second dart in the shark definitely spooked the fish and caused it to sound. They have a terrific sound wave that is very strong, especially in water.

The thing that really upset me was how the news media and others disputed the size of thirty feet that we all estimated the shark to be, implying that great white sharks just don't get that big; so therefore it must have been a basking shark. The fact is that the white shark does get that large, and there is authenticated physical evidence of it. First, I saw a great white shark that was well over twenty-feet in length on an offshore shark fishing trip on August 11, 1974, but we weren't able to harpoon it. Then on July 5, 1975, I put two harpoons into another great white shark which I estimated at the time to be about twenty-seven feet long, and the six fishermen on the charter that day all confirmed that estimate. Unfortunately, we didn't have cables, and the shark bit through both nylon lines. During the course of the battle, the white had come up to the side of the "Montauk" and tried to bite in half a large blue shark that was hanging from the gin pole. But for some unknown reason, he was only able to tear the bottom half of the blue shark into shreds and couldn't bite through it.

It wasn't until the end of the fishing season that we found out why. That fall when we pulled the boat out of the water for the season and routinely checked the hull, we found large teeth marks in the bottom of the hull directly beneath the gin pole. It seems that when the white tried to bite the blue shark in half in anger, his lower jaw closed under the boat and left an impression of his teeth. (See photo.) He also left something else—a broken tooth! (**Ed's. note:** I was shown the tooth, which was the upper crown of the serrated tooth of a great white shark.) I showed the tooth to Jack Casey of the National Marine Fisheries Service in Narragansett, considered to be the number one shark expert in the United States, and he positively identified it as belonging to a great white shark.

In the photo you can see a yardstick that was placed above the jaw impression for measurement. (The line of tooth marks were marked with chalk so that they would show up better in photographs.) The width of the jaws that made the marks was thirty inches.

Anyone who bothered to do a little research would be able to estimate the size of the fish with this information. A quote from the scientific paper **"Size of the Great White Shark,"** by John E. Randall, Bernice P. Bishop Museum, published in Science, Vol. 181, July 13, 1973, pp. 169-170, states the following pertaining to the jaw sizes of great white sharks:

"Five bites on the carcass of a whale were nineteen inches in height and twenty-four inches in width. Ostle stated that the bite of a white shark 14½ to 15 feet long is 10 by 12 inches, and that of a 16 foot shark is about 11 by 13 inches. It follows that a shark of about 25 to 26 feet would inflict a bite of the 19 by 24 inches found on the whale. Thus it seems likely that white sharks more than 21 feet long swim in our seas today and remain to be captured."

The physical evidence of the shark that bit my boat is a jaw thirty inches or more wide, considerably larger than the twenty-four inch bite of a twenty-five foot white shark. Having seen both this fish and the one that John harpooned, I'm telling you now that the one John had on was even larger. If anything, I think our estimates may be **low**, if they are in error at all. So it has been scientifically documented that great white sharks of twenty-five feet and more do, in fact, exist and live today. One other fact that the media hasn't discovered or reported yet. Only a week before John's encounter, Captain Doug McCabe of the charterboat Frances Ann caught a great white shark off Montauk which weighed only forty pounds. This is the smallest white I or anyone has ever heard of, and obviously was a newborn pup. This baby shark is in line with the theory that Long Island waters are a primary nursing ground for white sharks, which many experts subscribe to, and remember—you need a mother to give birth.

And now one final bit of information that should really get everyone talking. At least I hope it will prod some of the news media to start covering these shark stories with a little investigative research on the topic they are reporting on rather than just sensationalizing it. Kick this one around for awhile: the Loran numbers for the white shark I saw in 1974 were only a mile from the Loran numbers of the great white I harpooned in 1975. And the Great White Shark of 1978? Only three miles from the 1975 shark. Could they have been the same great white shark? If it is, somebody ought to think about making a movie out of this..."

Editor's Note: Captain Sundberg allowed me to examine his log books for the years 1974, 1975 and 1978 to confirm that the Loran numbers placed all three great white shark incidents within less than a five mile radius. They were.

The Rosetta Stone

While investigating the story of the great white shark that Captain Sweetman harpooned that Friday, I had this constant gnawing feeling in my gut that something was missing as I interviewed the fishermen involved. Not wanting to get involved with opinions and hearsay of people who weren't there, I had gone out of my way not to talk to them. But I had somehow subconsciously also disregarded and put out of my mind things that I had been told **previous** to the incident, and also several weeks before the release of Jaws II. But I was reading a Nick Karas article in Newsday during the week and he wrote about some boat captain who said, "Now every time a whale popped up around the boat everyone aboard was yelling 'Shark, Shark!'" And that's when the bells started ringing in my head, and the old wheels started churning on their stripped gears.

Whales...of course! On that same Friday, I had stopped at the North Rips on my way back to Montauk Inlet to do some fluke fishing. On one of my runs back for another drift, one of my friends aboard, Amerton Yale, suddenly yelled, "what the hell is that!" and pointed to a spot where a whale was silently sliding beneath the surface as it sounded. At the time this wasn't anything unusual because I usually see several whales a year. But now I started to remember other reports of whales in the area, and things really began to click. In the June 15 Issue of The Long Island Fisherman, Captain Paul Forsberg of the Viking Fishing Fleet had given me the following report: "... as a bonus the passengers have been watching large schools of whales and dolphins southeast of Block Island during the ride home." At the time it was an interesting sidelight, but nothing of any significance. What **was** significant was something else that Paul had told me at the time he was giving the fishing report that I didn't include in the report. Again, it was about an incident that seemed insignificant at the time, but turned out not to be. The Starship had just returned the previous week from a special two-day Nantucket Safari for cod and pollack. Paul had casually mentioned that on the way back to Montauk he had seen two great white sharks swimming on the surface.

Clank, crunch, the gears in my head came to a screeching halt—I had found the Rosetta Stone, the single missing piece to the puzzle that would prove to be the key to make all the pieces fit together and make sense. I immediately called Paul to get more info on the incident. Paul said that he and Chuck Willer were in the wheelhouse when they spotted not one but TWO white sharks

swimming side-by-side. One was estimated to be about twenty feet long, while the other was "smaller," only a mere seventeen to eighteen feet. The Captains moved the Starship to within a hundred feet of the two whites so that the forty-nine passengers aboard could get a good look at them. Paul told me that the water conditions were very good and he could see the fish very clearly, so there was absolutely no doubt that they were great white sharks. Paul said that they see a few great whites a year on the Coxes Ledge run and more than a few basking sharks, so they were certain of the identification. And these sharks were seen only forty to fifty miles south/southeast of Block Island—only a stone's throw away from the Butterfish Hole where THE Great White Shark was harpooned a few weeks later by Sweet John.

So there it was. I had finally been able to corroborate the fact from an independent source that not one, but TWO, great white sharks were in the waters of Montauk, and all the pieces fit. The unusual abundance of whales in Montauk's waters? One of the primary requisites for sighting great white sharks, which feed on them. No less an authority than Frank Mundus has stated time and again in his books that the time to find great white sharks is when whales are abound, because the whites follow behind the schools to pick off the stragglers. Accounts of Great White Sharks feeding on whale carcasses are voluminous. Dolphins in the area? The 16' 7" great white, estimated weight 2,5000 lbs., harpooned in 1974 by Captain Ted Monell of the charterboat Bronco was found to have a partially digested bottle-nosed dolphin in his stomach when dissected by ichthyologists from the nearby New York Ocean Science Laboratory. (See the article "Big Whitey," by Capt. Ted Monell, in L.I.F. Issue No. 41, Vol. 11, dated October 28, 1976.)

The Saturday GWS Incident

On Saturday, the day after the *Ebb Tide* fought a great white shark for thirteen hours and lost, a boat sailing out of Henry Colombi's *Star Island Yacht Club* harpooned a large shark that may also have been a white. The private boat was the *Say Fish*, captained by Ed Leaird of Old Saybrook, Connecticut. Also aboard were Bill Klick and Bill Manee, and the following story of their incident is a composite of an interview the Editor had with them. Their story is being presented in this manner to provide the reader with an easy-to-read continuity.

"We were cruising around in about 240 feet of water south of the Point looking for swordfish to stick. Off in the distance we spotted a small plane that seemed to be circling in the same area and found the station on the VHF radio that the pilot of the craft, Kenneth Grimshaw, was trying to contact another boat out of Star Island, Capt. Gary Meriden on the Lee Maree. The boat was in the area, but the pilot was unable to make contact with it. He told us that he had spotted a very large great white shark swimming on the surface, but that it had since sounded somewhere in the immediate area and he had lost contact with it.

The plane continued to circle the area and a little later, radioed us that he had just spotted two more very large sharks just beneath the surface right next to a small 22' skiff, which later turned out to be the "Bahama Mama" that was chumming for sharks and wasn't aware of their presence. These fish also sounded before we got there, but the pilot said that they were too deep for him to positively identify them. We read in the newspapers later that he was an expert fish spotter who had been hired by a small fishing station in Montauk to search for the great white shark that John Sweetman had fought the day before.

Anyway, the pilot then told us that he spotted **another** huge shark swimming a few feet below the surface. He couldn't identify what species it was, and wasn't sure that it was the same one he had seen first and identified as a white, or if it was a fourth, different shark. In any case, he said it was a real monster and directed our boat, the Say Fish, to its position. The first time he directed us until he said we were right over the fish, but it must have been deep because we couldn't make out a thing. The pilot can see much deeper into the water than we could because he had height.

He moved us back over the fish a second time, and at first we still couldn't see a thing in the water beneath the bow. But then, all of a sudden we could see the fish rising right below us! The shark was still about four or five feet under the water when we struck with the harpoon, driving the lilly iron into his head right up to the shaft of the harpoon, which is more than twenty inches. We immediately threw over the keg with 300 feet of 3/8 inch nylon line attached. We were just moving up to it to try and get a second barrel attached to the first when the fish suddenly took off. We saw the barrel being pulled briskly just under the water for about a hundred feet or so, and then it disappeared completely as the shark sounded. The last we saw of it, the fish was heading south/southeast like a bat out of hell.

We continued to search for the rest of the day, along with the Lee Maree and the Java, also out of Star Island, and the Bahama Mama out of Shinnecock. But we never

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The chalk outlines the teeth marks in the hull of the boat *MONTAUK* that were made by a great white shark in 1975.

SOUTH SHORE FLUKE FISHING

★Part Two★

by Ron Onorato

While the South Shore bays and channels will produce the vast majority of the fish, it is the ocean grounds that will give up some of the biggest fluke. After the main body of fluke has settled into their summering grounds inside the inlets, another separate body arrives and sets up shop in the ocean about a month later. The fish will first settle around hard sand bottoms and mussel beds along many of the South Shore Beaches. As the season wears on, some of the bigger fish begin to show up around the wrecks and artificial reefs that dot many of the South Shore inlets. If there is a chance for some really big fluke, it is at this time of the year. This is also the time of the year when the big fish stack themselves outside the inlets as they get ready for their journey offshore to the wintering grounds.

Usually around the middle of July, a summer contingent of fluke appear off the West End beaches. Unlike many of the earlier arrivals which, for the most part, consist of small fish, these fish are generally well above the fourteen inch limit. The fish settle off the Rockaway Beaches anywhere from twenty to forty feet of water and may be spread from Playland all the way down to Riis Park. About the same time, the edges of the Ambrose and Sandy Hook channels start to get a supply of fish. The Warrior Buoy off the Breezy Point area also starts to produce fair quantities of large fluke. This fishing will last a couple of weeks generally, before it starts to peter out.

The run of really big fish gets going around the middle of August. The artificial reef near Buoy 4 south of Deb's Inlet has been the focal spot of big fluke for the past few years. The fishing really was at its peak during the '75 season, when thousands of big fluke up to ten pounds were winched from the bones of the artificial wreck. The action started around the middle of August, and lasted till the beginning of September. Similarly, the artificial reef off Fire Island Inlet also produced its share of big fluke. The fishing has tapered off a bit during the last few seasons, but a number of fluke were taken from both locations last year. The abundant supply of forage around these wrecks provided a big attraction to the fluke—especially the bigger ones—as they were unable to find enough prey elsewhere. The jumbo fluke would be dining on the tiny bergalls, blackfish, porgies, and just about any other small marine creature that was available on the wreck.

Fluke fishing for those outsize fluke provided much more challenge than did their smaller brothers that literally jumped on the hooks. The big fish are cagey and were very selective in their feeding habits.

One of the biggest problems enountered on the ocean fluke grounds seemed to be the fact that most fishermen were using too heavy tackle for the fish. The common opinion was that because the fish were fairly large, they had to use heavy tackle. They also believed that fishing around the hard and often rough bottom necessitated the use of substantial tackle. Basically, their arguments seem valid, and they are—up to a point. You're going to use tackle a little heavier than you would when fishing in the bays primarily because you'll need somewhat heavier sinkers, not because the fish are bigger. Let's face it, the fighting abilities of the fluke leaving something to be desired, even the big ones. They give a few hefty tugs once they are first hooked, and the big ones sometimes are a little difficult to get off the bottom, but once they are started, they offer little resistance until you try to net them, and once they are in the boat, they try to beat the paint off the bottom. Therefore, there is no real urgency to use heavy tackle. My theory has been to stay with the lightest possible outfit that still produces acceptable results. Despite their size, some of the biggest fluke turned out to be gentle nibblers. By using moderately light outfits, it was much easier to detect their subtle tugs. When fishing around hard or rocky bottoms, it is often difficult to tell the difference between a hit or if the sinker is banging into a rock or something. Shooting for big fluke is specialized fishing; you may get but two or three hits in the course of a day's fishing, so you don't want to blow it.

The old adage "big bait—big fish" certainly applies when you're going after fluke. The summer flounders are extremely voracious, and will take some of the largest baits imaginable. There are a number of baits that are available to use when going after the big fish. My favorite bait for jumbo fluke is a long strip of fluke belly. It is virtually impossible to remove from the hook, and if a fish hits and misses it, the bait is still there, and more often than not, the fish will come back for it. A long seven or eight inch tapered strip of fluke belly, or even the dark side of the fish, hooked once through a 4/0 or 5/0 Eagle Claw regular shank hook is all you need. The hook is snelled on a thirty inch leader and attached six or eight inches above the sinker.

If you have the time, the next most effective bait is live or fresh dead snappers. As the season draws to an end, thousands of snappers of all sizes pour out of the bays and inlets. Apparently, the fluke "know" when this happens because they are right there waiting for them. Even during the season, big fluke will readily take fresh snapper bait. Ideally, snappers around five or six inches long will provide the best bait. If you're going to fish them live, you'll need a large pail, similar to one used to hold bunker. Fortunately, snappers are very hardy animals, and will live for great lengths of time in captivity as long as the water is changed frequently. The live snappers are hooked once just ahead of the dorsal fin and fished on a long leadered rig. A fine wire Eagle Claw hook will allow the snapper to live a lot longer than if he was impaled with a stronger hook.

Fishing fresh dead snapper is a little easier than using their live counterparts, but hooking them is a little more difficult. You can use the same Eagle Claw hook, except that you have to take care to prevent the snapper from spinning on the bottom. The first thing you'll do is to take a small length of wire and wrap the mouth of the bait shut. Insert the single hook through both eyes and pull the mono leader through. Take the hook and remaining length of mono and re-insert the hook once through the back of the snapper. Now pull the slack out of the mono leader, and you're set to fish the bait. The single hook rig seems to get more

strikes than does a tandem hook rig, although with the tandem hook, you will hook more fish.

Right behind the snapper in effectiveness is the whole squid. Although the squid may not seem like a regular visitor to the West End grounds, the fluke nonetheless show a great interest in them no matter where they are fished. Your best bet is to head to the local supermarket and buy a three pound box of frozen California squid. These squids are usually the ideal size to fish as whole baits, and you'll get about twenty-five of them in a box. If you were to go to the tackle stores and buy such bait, it would cost you a small fortune. The squid is most effectively fished from the tandem rig, as the fluke have a tendency to hit short when this bait is used. The head hook is attached near the top of the squid, while the second stinger hook is hidden somewhere in the fleshy mantle of the squid.

Another popular bait for the big flatties are whole smelts. Most of these tiny baits are imported from Canada, although there is a small fishery for them in the Northern New England states. Again, this is a bait that may not be native to Long Island waters, but is, nonetheless, another very effective bait. Apparently the smelts look like outsize spearing to the fluke. This bait is also more effectively fished with a tandem rig than the single hook.

Sand eels, if you can get some really big ones are also a prime bait. With the glut of sand eels along the South Shore these past few years, the big fluke are no doubt feeding on them, but unless you can get some really big six or seven inch ones, stay with the other baits.

Unlike fishing back in the bays, where you have the choice of several types of actual fishing techniques, ocean fluking is really limited to one method, and that is drifting. When the fish are scattered over the hard sand bottoms along the beaches or just outside the inlets, they may be scattered about. When the fish are around the reefs or other obstructions, they usually are pretty well concentrated, with the structure holding the fish. In order to maximize your production, you must fish as efficiently as possible when conditions are right. Conditions that are good for ocean fluking are light winds with moderate tides; except near the inlets, there is not that much tidal movement along the beaches. What you want is a fair wind that will cover new territory, but not that much that will cause your boat to move too quickly. Therefore, when you get a day when conditions are right, you want to spend the time as wisely as possible.

The most important thing to do is find the fish, and once you do, stay right with them. When you're fishing an open beach, it may take a couple of hours to get the fish started. It would be unpardonable if you lost them after expending such an effort. The only way to stay on top of the fish is with a marker buoy—it's that plain and simple. When you hit a fluke, throw over a marker buoy; if it turns out that that was the only fish, pull it in and try again. Very seldom do ocean fluke travel solo; usually when you pick one, there is something there holding them and there are a few more lurking about the general vicinity. With the marker float over the spot, there is nothing left to guess. You'd be surprised how far the wind may carry you from where you think you actually are.

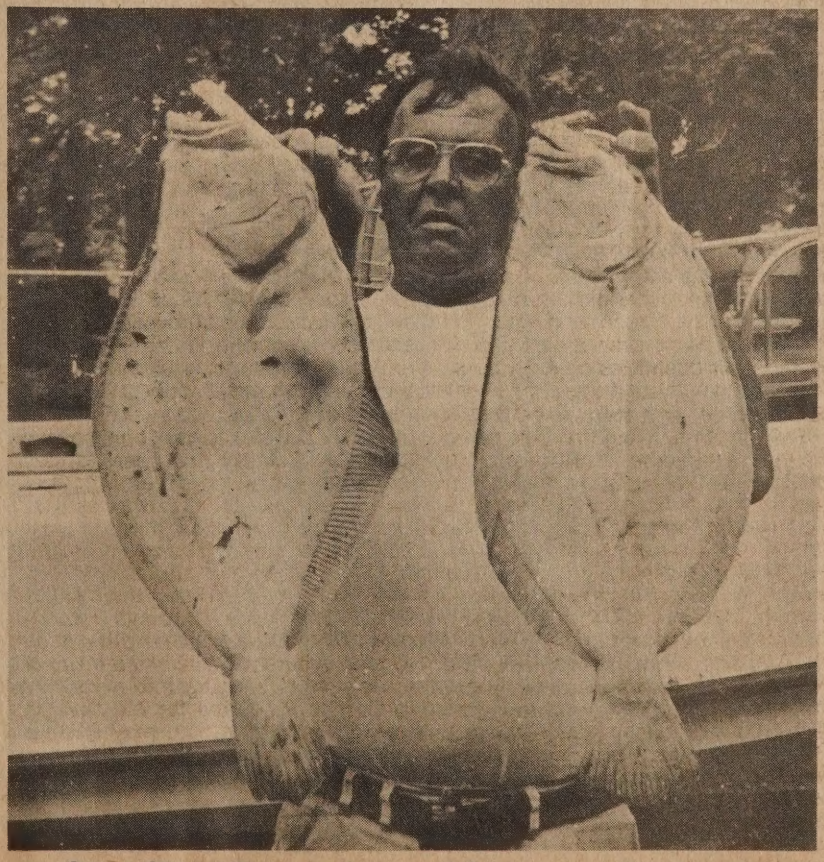
The biggest requisite in this type of fishing is having a lot of patience, both in finding the fish, and when you find them—hooking them. Big fluke are seldom very abundant, even at the height of their populations, so it is never going to be fast fishing. If you're looking for action, go back inside the bays and fish for the smaller, more numerous fish.

Unlike the smaller fluke that sort of bite at a bait, the bigger fish are what I call "hangers." When the fish see the bait, rather than start chewing right away, they simply open their big traps and latch onto some piece of the bait. Now, depending on if you're using a tandem rig or single hook rig, the striking time will vary. If you're using a soft bait with the tandem rig—such as frozen squid or smelts—you pretty much can hit the fish quick because there is a tail "stinger" hook near the base of the bait; so unless the fluke grabs the bait by the belly (which is unlikely) you've got him pretty well sized up if he hits either the head or tail hook.

When you're using live snapper or whole fluke belly strips, it's really going to take a lot of patience to get the fish unless he's bent on suicide. The first sign that a fish is on your bait is usually signalled by a steady pull, almost like a dead weight on the end of your line. What you have to do here is feed the fish some line so that he will take the hook, and not just a piece of the bait. A lot of times the fluke will take a chunk of the snapper, and let the rest go; so that is why the fluke belly is the best way to go. A big fluke can only worry the leather-tough belly bait, and not remove it from the hook.

As mentioned earlier, the time the fluke puts up the most fight is usually near the surface, as most big fluke are still pretty green when they come up. Whether you gaff or net your big fluke, make sure that you keep him well below the surface and then gradually lead him to the boat, and then net him head first; never tail first or there will be problems. If the fish is exceptionally large, you might find it easier to gaff the fish, especially if you have a really sharp gaff.

Shooting for big fluke is not the ticket for everyone, especially if there are only a few to go around, but for a pleasant change of pace from the routine of throwing back shorts in the bays, it is not a bad alternative.



George Oliver with a pair of ten-pound fluke taken at Buoy 4 wreck.

White Marlin: TEMPERAMENTAL TROUPERS

by Dick Mermon

White marlin can be as trying, frustrating and time-consuming, yet illuminating a fish as there is in saltwater. This species of billfish are the prima donnas of the sea. Their acts leave anglers in a state of depression one day and display a glorious ballet the next, turning pessimism into warm animation. Fish-life through the water world forms ritual patterns. White marlin not only have a special routine, but make things much more difficult for man by their addition of an unusual temperament.

Long Island anglers sight vanguards of whites about the middle of June; still, the primary periods fall between July and August, tapering off in September and disappearing completely by October.

Shinnecock Inlet sport fishing boats are the first to probe the water depths south-southeast of the Inlet along the 200 foot dropoff shelf. In this area, the Gulf Stream gradually fingers its way shore-ward as the season progresses from spring into summer. Along with rising water temperatures, new bait—such as half-beaks and squid—arrives. This food supply is closely followed by yellowfin tuna, swordfish, blue, and white marlin. Water temperature is vital and should be from 69° to 74° for marlin activity.

There are four natural baits which most sport fishermen troll in search of white marlin: squid, bally-hoo, eels, and split-tail blue mullet. Most anglers rig a trolling bait in the same fashion, but there are some who have their specialized twist as to size of bait, where a hook is placed, how far back bait is trolled and the proper speed at which it should be towed.

Outriggers are necessary tools when trolling for marlin. These outstretched arms not only prevent lines from becoming tangled on turns, but hold the baits above the water, creating the flip-flop action essentially needed. This high extension of line also raises the swivel which connects wire leader and line together. When this head swivel touches the water, it creates artificial vibrations which marlin can detect. Similarly, when that swivel is low in the water, it drags the wire leader beneath the surface, pulling the bait with it. In turn, the enticement will spin as it darts through the swells. All surface trolled baits must produce this tail-flopping action without twisting.

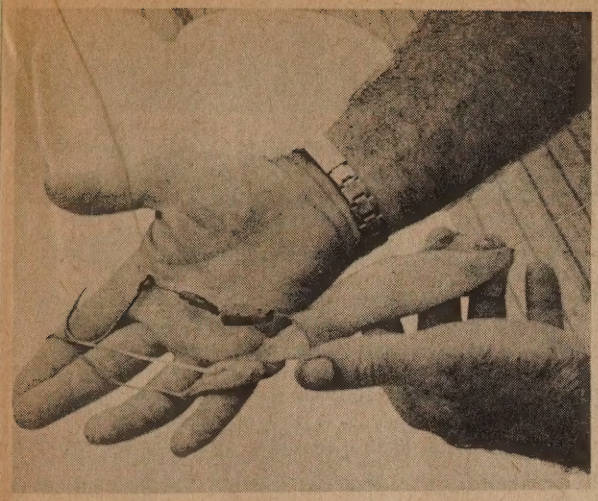
Teasers are essential implements when towing natural lures. They create tremendous sound vibrations beneath the water surface, tracked by various type fish and attracted to the baits. Some anglers will drag a teaser twenty feet behind the boat; whereas others find a long-line to their preference. The short distance teaser can be retrieved after a fish has become interested in the offerings. Anglers who practice long-line noise-makers say marlin approach the attractor first, then size things up. As the fish becomes inquisitive, the lure is pulled closer to the boat. In this way the marlin, infuriated by the teaser running away, seeks the other baits to beat up. I have tried both methods and each seem to work equally well. The main factor depends upon what type mood the marlin is in at that time of day. One very popular teaser used along the coastline is Boone's 12'' Tail-Teaser in yellow/green.

Alert eyes are necessary when trolling for white marlin. Constant probing of the surface water for what would be described as a protruding, slender fence post. Very often this ''stick-up'' is thought to be a dorsal fin, but pros know it to be the upper portion of tail propelling the marlin along. Most often, a white will surface surprisingly almost in the boat's path or alongside. This is why everyone's primary vision should cover the water no further than about seventy-five yards. Secondary vision will automatically pick up movement in the distance. It is almost impossible to pinpoint a working fish far off, unless there is a shower of bait, a thrashing of water, or a fish completely exposes itself. Eyes must also be positioned to the rear where the baits are. White marlin, with their melancholy ways, can suddenly assault trolled offerings. Emerging from the depths, a fish will surface inside the boat's wake, within striking distance of all the baits. It will track their pace, then swing from one to another, looking them over, and may refuse each and every one—or strike at the first it comes to.

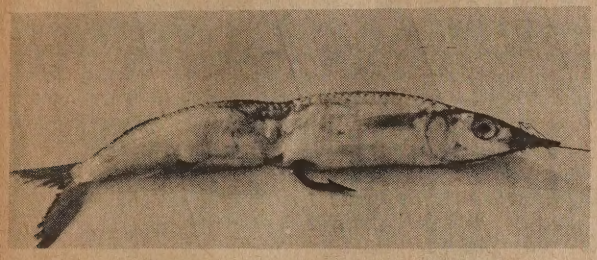
Last July, this similar occurrence was bestowed upon me by a frivolous marlin that blew my mind. Out of nowhere, a white raised alongside the boat, no further than the outstretched outrigger, then disappeared, only to show behind the far port bouncing bait. After bill-swatting it, the fish charged the inside bally-hoo. Toying with, but never touching this offering, it tracked the bait for some distance with its long bill out of the water, swishing back and forth, disappeared only to materialize again on the opposite bait. This cat-and-mouse game went on for over ten minutes. Finally, the fish made a decisive move by striking at each and every bait, knocking them from the line clips, smashed the teaser with its bill and withdrew from the scene. Since there was only myself and another angler on board, it was like a Chinese fire drill between two confused fishermen, four baits, a teaser, one temperamental fish and a maneuvering boat. As clear as we could see, the marlin never once lit up in its amber glow color for a positive strike.

While that particular fish played his game with us, we put forward every method known in our book of tricks to make it change color. On its first strike, there was a drop-back of the bait: nothing happened. A fast retrieve of the slack line brought the fish up again, but on another bait. After disappearing from that one, it returned for a second runoff on the first bait, and the action of a quick hook setting also brought a limp line. When the white was up again, seemingly interested, I advanced the boat's speed to draw the baits away from him. The fish simply accelerated also, just tracking and keeping pace. Free-lining a bait back and forth across the wake only drew attention by a thrashing bill and raised dorsal fin. Quick skittering of a bally-hoo along the surface and a slack line drop-back brought inquisitiveness, but no strike. Even a tail-flapping eel drawn almost into the prop-wash only raised slight curiosity from the fish. Then, adding insult to injury, the temperamental, acrobatic ballerina had to bill bat the teaser before vanishing.

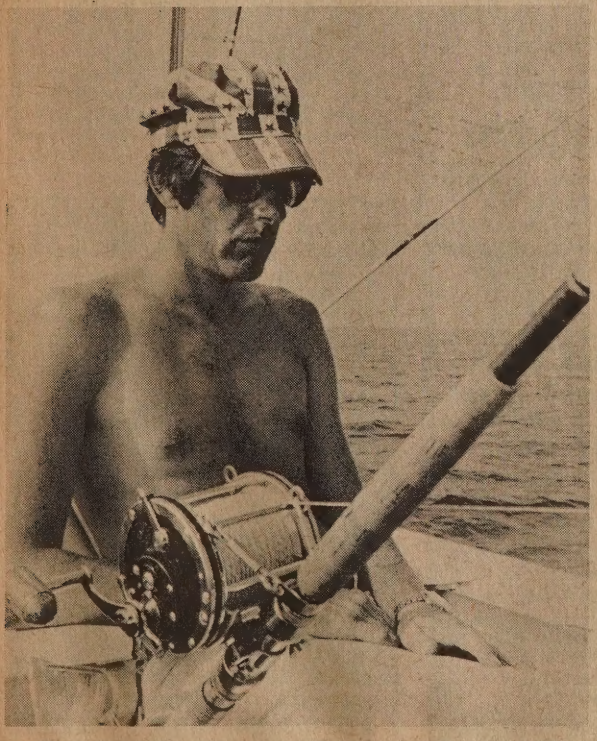
This is the way things happen when in search of white marlin. Some anglers find the fish which simply want to commit suicide by jumping on any bait and turn on the act. Others, like myself, have to run into the difficult ones all the time. Calm water surface is supposed to be a difficult period in fooling white marlin because they can see the leader, or distinguish natural bait fish from artificial. A moderate wind chop produces more strikes than on balmy



The proper way of rigging a lam-sized squid to use as a trolled bait for white marlin. Wire through the squid, into a small cork, sinker clinched to the wire, then the hook is attached.



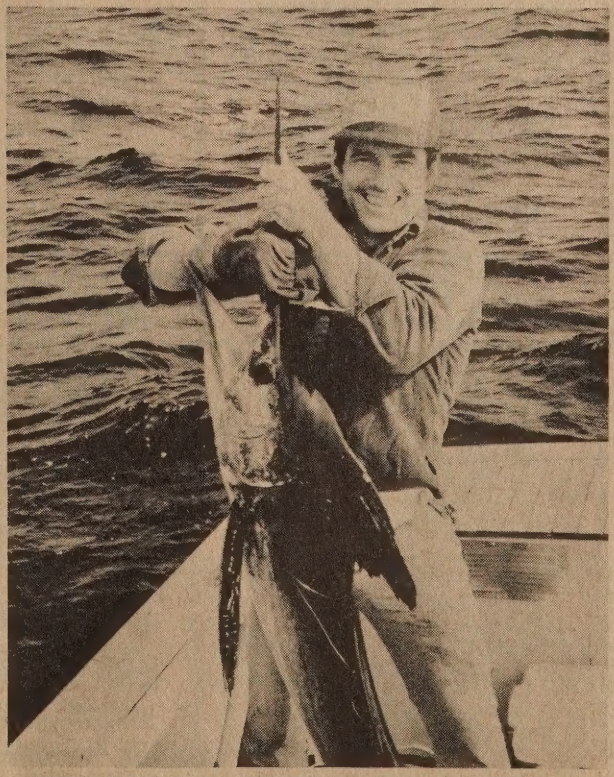
Examination of the bally-hoo's body clearly reveals a mouth mark from a white who simply tasted the offering while being trolled but never really wanted it. The fish struck the bait just behind the bend of the hook that was embedded in the bally-hoo.



There is no time for eye resting when trolling for white marlin. Constant vigal for movement, weed and proper bait action leads to fooling this species of billfish.

A white marlin about to swat a teaser and finally leave the area is rather frustrating.

The greatest thrill of all times is the appearance of a shite about to strike the trolled bait. Dorsal fin up, sword swatting the offering and yet the fish did not light up or strike the bait solidly.



Happy is the angler who lands a white marlin, for he has conquered the most tempermental fish of the sea.

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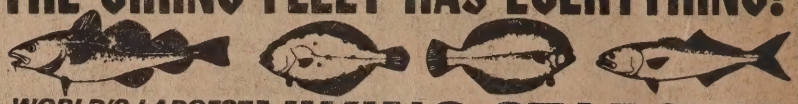

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Now that the great white shark incident has become history, fishermen at Montauk have been returning to thoughts of other matters...like fishing. The first mako sharks showed up offshore to liven up the blue water action of blue sharks and browns. No reports of the first rod and reel swordfish as yet, but four yellowfin tuna were taken. Inshore the action has been picking up on all fronts. The striped bass fishing came back to life on Thursday and was probably the best run of fish thus far this season. Bluefish are moving closer and closer to the Point daily and now are being taken by those trolling in big numbers. The humpbacked porgies have arrived inshore around Great Eastern and the fluke fishing took a decided upturn during the week both at the Midway and North Rips.

Capt. Buddy Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** reported that the Gardiner's Island porgy fishing slowed down in the middle of the week, but there was good fishing for the weekend. On Saturday, the boat fished Gardiner's Island in the morning and some anglers had five gallon buckets full by 10:45 a.m. They tried the Point off the lighthouse in the afternoon with poor results. Returning to Gardiner's Island Sunday produced many buckets full of porgies up to 3½, blackfish up to 6¼ lbs., and sea bass to 3 lbs.

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Henry Colombi of the **Star Island Yacht Club** called to say that five mako sharks were brought into the marina over the weekend. Johnny Vee on the "Meditation" took a mako of 135 lbs.; Capt. Richard Dujack of the "BobNan" took an 80 lb. mako on a whole mackerel south of the point in 270 ft. of water; Capt. Paul Markland christened his new boat the Brigitte by taking a mako of 235 lbs. in 220 ft. of water, 35 mi. south of the Point; the "Kopy Kat" had a 100 lb. mako. Cap. Steve on the private boat "Free Spirit" reported baiting a swordfish close to the Canyon, but didn't connect. But he was willing to settle for four yellowfin tuna in the 40 lb. class. Henry also told us that the fluke fishing had improved greatly and that the bluefish are being taken in numbers a few miles south of the point. Bass fishing also took an upturn on the weekend. Fishing by himself Saturday, LIF staff member Scott Simons took 12 bass on DeMaio jigs. Fishing with friends, Frank, Bobby, and Danny on Sunday, 8 more bass were taken. Mike the "G" decided not to make the trip and as a result, is contemplating suicide.

The Captain of the charterboat **Daybreak** told us that he fished south of the Point in 36 fathoms over the weekend and took 15 blue sharks, 13 of which were tagged and released. He also reported losing a mako shark on its first jump, and that 20 giant bluefish were taken while chumming for sharks.

The Marlin IV reports that their first bluefish trip on Sat. night produced 200 8-14 lb bluefish for 17 men. Sunday night's trip was a little slower. This was all on bait and chum. Starting this Saturday, Capt. Richie Rade will begin daily porgy and seabass fishing sailing at 5:30 am weekends, 6:30 weekdays. He will be sailing as an open boat every night at 7 pm for blues.

Charterboat **Adios** called to tell us that on Wednesday, Jerry Kenny of the NY Daily News sailed with them and the boat had 20 blue shark and a fw brown shark, all on bluefish rigs. Bass fishing has been very good and all of the boats at their dock have been catching. Capt. Phil Lewis on the **Adios** had 7 bass on Saturday and 7 bass on Sunday with Sunday also catching 55 bluefish and 10 weaks while trolling. At Great Eastern and at the Elbow. Lots of bait in the water.

Frank Tuma of **Tumas Tackle Shack** called to say that the charterboats did very well over the weekend, boats bagging 10-20 bass each, fish going 12 - 20 lbs with anywhere from 30-80 bluefish per boat in the 2-5 lb

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category mixed in with the bass. One bass on the Venture II on Saturday weighed in at 50 lbs. Six to 8 miles south of the point, blues in the 10-15 lb class are being caught.

Gone Fishing Marina reports that at Great Eastern on an incoming tide, Dr. Ken Koch on the WOTOKO bagged 100 lbs of striped bass, largest fish being 33 lbs on Diamond Jigs.

Bill Steigel, Sheldon Rieke, Roger Cunningham and John Linchan with their catch of 21 pollack from 20-35 lbs. taken at the Southeast Light aboard Capt. Phil Lewis' charter boat "Adios."

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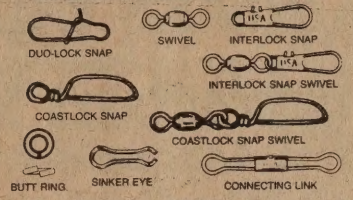

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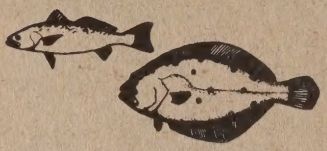

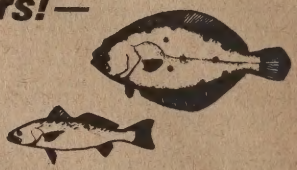

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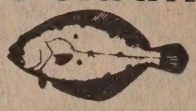

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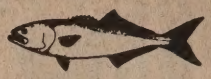

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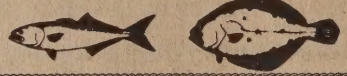

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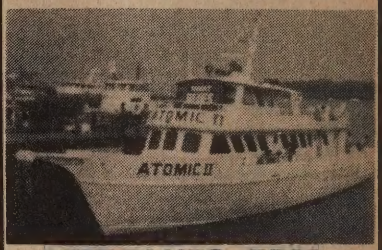

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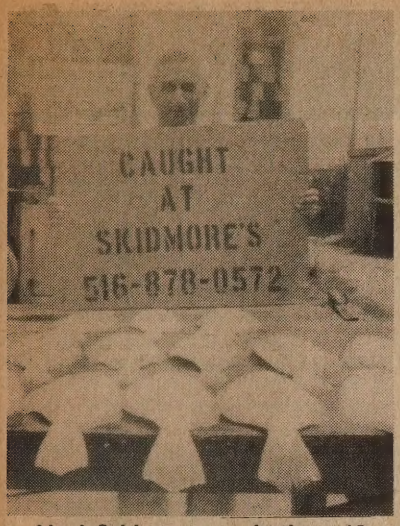

Hank Schlanger caught these 13 nice fluke drifting and trolling sand eel and squid combos between buoys 42 and 43 in Moriches Bay. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

Sunday, Buddy Turoff of Manhattan fished buoy 42 and took 8 keeper fluke while most of the good catches over the weekend were between buoys 39 and 42. Killie squid combos worked best. During the week best action was at the Elbow and buoy 39 while larger private boats dragged umbrellas rigs offshore with good success.

BAYPORT

Ernies Sport Shop reports weakfish in Middle Grounds off the Brown's River on Squidstrip on ⅓oz Diamond Jigs. Fluke have been taken at East Channel at buoys 29 and 30 on sandeels and squid. The hole at Hecksher'a Buoy 5 has also been producing fluke this past week. Blowfish very good in Nickels Bay on flounder rigs baited with squid. An 8 lb largemouth bass was taken by Eric Lapham of Bayport on a nightcrawler fishing in Mill Pond, Sayville. A 42 lb striper was taken at Shinnecock Inlet on a live eel by Greg Maymong of Sayville. Glen Newushwender of Bayport took the shop's weakfish contest with a 10 lb 14 oz tiderunner that inhaled a drifted squidstrip.

Billy Mule, Jeff Burbank, Bernie Nadboy and Richard Ferris wsith 17 fluke taken on the outgoing tide, northeast of buoy 39 on sand eels and squid. Photo courtesy of Seatuck Cove Fishing Station.

GREAT SOUTH BAY
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FLUKE

MASTIC BEACH

Gary at **Stiriz Fishing Station** reports fair to good catches of fluke from buoys 19-26 on sandeels, killies and squid, all running tides. Small blues from buoy 15-23 from 2-5 lbs on either side of the high. Victor and Amellio Muso of New Hyde Park got a mess of small blues fishing at the Hole at buoy 17 on squid strips. Weaks are being caught early in the morning at buoy 17 hole on Pink Salty Dogs and squid strip, fish up to 3 lbs. A few blue claw crabs are being taken including a lot of egg-laiden females which must be returned to the water. This is a good sign for August crabbers. With strong blue fishing offshore on chum to the 140' mark. Gary asked us to announce that he has just taken on the Honda outboard motor franchise.

State Channel Marine East tells us about a 26 lb striped bass taken by Larry Cassano fishing Moriches Inlet on Friday using 12 # test mono and a 1 oz Hopkins. OK Larry !!! Fluking has been steady at buoy 17 and to the east. Blue claw crabs in traps in deep water.

SAYVILLE

Vinny at **Youngs Fishing Station** reports lots of fluke, blues and weaks between Pt of Woods and Ocean Beach off Sayville about 1 mile. This was during the week in the afternoon on Salty Dogs and on squidstrips. Fluke on sandeels and killies with blues walloping the live killies also. Clay Hardman on Thursday collected 15 assorted fish working the Pt of Woods area while Friday saw Bob Davidson and 2 buddies take a good catch of blues and weaks off Ocean Beach. A 9 lb weak was caught by 7 yr old son of Ron Jutmans on squid fishing about 1 mile off Sayville on the Browns River. Two to four lb weakfish are being taken behind the dredge boats on Salty Dogs and on squid strips.

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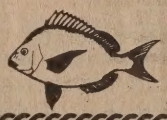
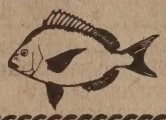

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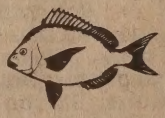

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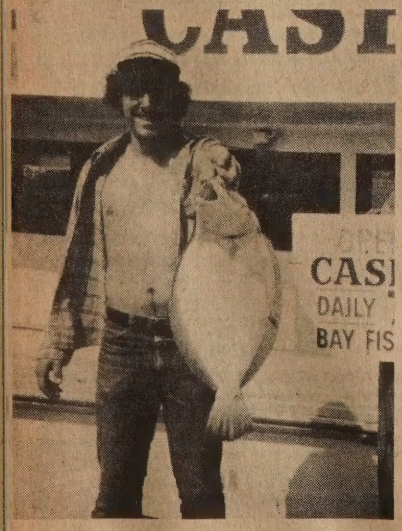
bagged an 11½ lb weakfish and 3 flukes in the 4-5 lb range. Tom Sengle caught a 6 lbr and 9 4 lbrs. Bill Hultz caught 17 4½ lbrs all off Nickels Pt. at the Connequot River using Salty Dogs, squid and purple jellied worms. Fluke fishing has been very good all week around buoys 4 and 5 using sand eels or sandworms.

EAST ISLIP

Buoy 2 Sport Shop called to say that Sal Iacona of Islip Terrace bagged a 10 lb 3 oz fluke at buoy 6 on Thursday on sandeels. West Channel also produced Saturday on killie squid combos or sandeels. Schools of blueas are all over the bay mornings and evenings to 3½ lbs on poppers and tins for casters or tubes or umbrellas for the boats from the Fl Lighthouse West. Bill Kern got a 21 lb 2 oz and a 17 lb 12 oz striper on Sat. night fishing eels at the Sore Thumb. This was a follow up to his 49½ lbr taken last week on eel in the inlet.

BAY SHORE

Smokeys Bait and Tackle reports that they weighed in a 5¼ lb largemouth bass taken on a spinner bait in Carmens River, Yaphank by Frank Melvin of Deer Park Thursday. Rich Ferri and Tony Lauria on the **Rum and Coke** bagged 15 blues at the NB buoy. Fish running up to 12 lbs 8 ozs on trolled white and green umbrellas on Sunday. They are members of the SurfSide III Tuna Club. An 8 lb weak and about a doz. small blues were caught at buoy 1 near the clam boats by one customer on Friday. Fluking has improved, fish running 2-3 lbs best results from Snake Hill Channel on squid sandeel combos. There are still weaks to be had at Ocean Beach hitting squid or purple jelly worms. Stripers being chummed under the Mosses Bridge in the evening and a few on live eels.



Michael O'Shaughnessy of Hauppauge took this 7 lb. 2 oz. fluke, fishing aboard the "Casey Lee" out of Bay Shore.

Al Giglio of Bay Shore took this 35 lb. bass aboard the "Sting." Photo courtesy of Smokey's Bait and Tackle.

Blacks on fiddlers at the Kismet Reef.

The Casey Lee reports fluke fishing improved greatly on Fri. and Sat. Catches ranged from 3-7 fish per man, mostly 2-3 lbrs with the pool fish running 5-6 lbs most days. Fishing has been best in Bay Shore Channel, Dickersons Channel off West Island. These areas are only 15 minutes from the dock. Capt. Neil says crowds have been light so come down and take advantage of this new run of bigger fish.

CAPTREE

Capt. Bob Patafio of the **Yankee Fleet** reports that the fluking has improved slightly in his area with decent catches being made Sat. in W. Channel. The **Yankee Fleet** will have a new bluefish program running in July, see ad for details.

John at **State Channel Marina West** tells us that school blues are being caught in the inlet and in the area of the Whistler buoy and that the key is to watch for the birds. Tubes and Diamond jigs are being worked with very good success once you are under the birds. Fluking has been fair, nothing great. Best bet is in front of the CG Station on killies and sandeels.

Capt. Joe Kennedy of the **CaPT. Jos Fleet** tells us that Sat. night's bluefishing trip was excellent chumming offshore with 33 men boating close to 400 bluefish in the 5-12 lb range. Sunday night's trip saw 18 fares deck close to 200 blues. Virginia Kilgore and son Kent of Bklyn had 44 bluefish between them including a 14 lb pool fish on Sunday. This was north of the HA on bait, chum and on red Bananas.

Charterboat **Lady Ann** called to say that the fluking has been fair to good working Bay Shore Channel with fish mostly 2-3 lbs on killies, sandeels and squid. Big blues are at the HA buoy and it looks like its going to be another great season says Capt. O'Niel. Niel has also asked us to announce that starting July 9th the boat will be running reservation trips for bluefish sailing 4 pm every Sunday

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The Captree Queen called to report that fluking has been slow to fair with a slight improvement over the weekend. The better days are producing 4-6 keepers per man with West Island and Ocean Beach producing best. Fish are good size, though quantity is off. Hardly any midgetts are being caught, fish are mostly of the 2 lb variety. The afternoon trips are producing fluke, blues up to 2 lbs and some weakfish, but the weaks are tapering off. From now on the afternoon trips will mainly have fluke in mind and they are being taken on spearing, killies and sandeels.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Capt. Scotty** reported that he mohawked the bluefish on his Thursday afternoon trip. Anglers aboard the boat took over 200 bluefish at Ocean Beach that were mostly in the 2 lb. class with a few going 4-6 lbs. The Captain said that small blues were taking any lure that was thrown at them. Other nights during the week, saw 20 to 30 weakfish and bluefish taken along with 5-10 fluke. The fluke were all good sized ranging from 2-3 lbs., and surprisingly most of them are being caught on pretty purple Jelly worms. There seems to be two bodies of weakfish, one with fish 3-4 lb. range and the other with the weakfish going 7-8 lbs.

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Augies Bait and Tackle reports good fluke catches this past week and weekend from Snake Hill Channel and the W Side of Moses Bridge. Deloros says that the few people that are using bunker chum in a pot under the boat are enjoying very good catches. Small umbrellas are accounting for decent catches of bay blues up to 4 lbs. Adult sized blues are being taken from about 65' on out, on umbrellas and on chum. Weaks are being taken by those utilizing a chumpot under the boat and grass shrimp being fed into the current in plastic worms jigged off the bottom in the area of the drains in the State Channel. Offshore sharking has been only fair. Marlin were raised at the Canyon by several customers, none hooked. Lots of life offshore.

Charlies Fishing Station tells us that 2 weakfish, each weighig 9 lbs 8 ozs on the nose were taken by local angler, Mike Hardy on sandworms at the Sore Thumb, while their skiffs are taking catches of fluke, working Grass Island with squid, sandeel combos.

Mario at **Hi-Hook Fishing Station** tells us that on Monday Dan, Sal and Dave, had 9 keeper fluke fishing Snake Hill Channel with squid and sandeel combos. All of their skiffs have been returning with 4 8 fluke from Snake Hill and Dickersons. Regulars Bob and Wally fishing Steamboat Channel bagged 20 bay blues and 2 weaks on Salty Dogs and bait. They stayed under birds.

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FLUKE

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Charterboat **Capt. Bob Fischer** called to tell us fluking was not too hot Mon-Fri, but the weekend showed a distinct improvement working the Fl Inlet area using killies and squid strips. Bob asked us to let you know that he is now booking day, afternoon, and moonlight sail trips for July and has a few good dates left.

COPIAGUE

Larry at **Bait and Tackle Unlimited** tells us that snappers are in the bay in the 6" class. These are being caught on shiners with a bobber or very small tin. Small blues in the bay and off the

Lighthouse on tins, tails, and squid. Large blues on the outside in 60-120' of water and also just outside Jones on Umbrellas or on chum. Lots of 10-12 lb aligaters mixed in. Fluking has been slow with best catches on the flats on squid and killies. Bass in the State Channel in Gilgo on live eels and being chummed on bellies. Crabs in traps, all males, in the bay and at the town docks.

Jonas Bait and Tackle tells us that Bill McDermott fishing off the Amityville Dock caught 9 keeper fluke out of a total of 16 fish on pink shrimp with squid strip. The north sides of the Amityville and Copiague Bays are producing a lot of fluke right now as the fish have moved up into the shallower water. George Mills leaped out of his boat into 3' of water to make a net catch of an 8 lb fluke that he caught in the Cop. Bay on sandeels. At'a boy George! Some bay blues being taken on just about any bait you can think of. 2 Stripers were taken on Sunday morning by Ralph Santiago, a 37 lbr and a 27 lbr which fell to live bunker at the Meadobrook Bridge. Blues in 80' of water on chum or on umbrellas. Democratic Pt and the Sore Thumb have been producing bood blues at night for surfcasters and boaters dragging umbrellas with white and red tubes. Some stripers are being taken at Shinnecock on small live flounder.

SEAFORD

Lon Wanser Bait and Tackle reports blues offshore from the Inlet to 25 miles out on umbrellas, bananas and diamond jigs. Fluking has picked up on sand eels, squid, and killies West of the Drawbridge, Reynolds Channel and Sloop channel, West Island and Four Corners. Bass are being chummed at the bridges and in the St. Channel on clam bellies. Some bass and bay blues are being trolled in the bay on small umbrellas.

BELLMORE

Merrick Marine Tackle reports that Dick Rubin of the E. Bay Anglers bagged a dozen blues while dragging umbrellas and spoons in 50' of water south of Jones. Sharks 40-50 miles out , chum bass in the bay and in the State Channel on bellies. Stripers also on drifted bunker at the bridges in the early morning or late night hours. Fluke on sandeels or squid with some catches brought in from the Swift Creek AREA.

MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** tells us that the hottest areas for fluke were rowboat alley, Carmen's Cut and Merrick Point on sand eels and quid. Bass are being live lined on bunker west of the bridge in the State Channel with a 40 lbr being so taken this past week. Five schoolies were chummed on Sunday by the second Wantagh with bellies. Blues outside around the 30 or 40 foot line, small fish. This is on umbrellas. Chopper blues are out in a lot deeper water and you've got to experiment with different colored umbrella tubes to really score. Single tubes are not doing anything. Ed Bing on the "Bingo" loaded up with over 800 lbs of tile on a weekend trip.

The infamous G. Korn managed to fool 2 retarded fluke on Sunday as he was cheered on by his wife and 9 children.

BALDWIN

Andy at **Arthur Street Fishing Station** reports that Joe McKeefree and John Ritchie both had substantial catches of jigged bluefish over the weekend running 150 degrees out of Jones to 65' of water. Andy says that Joe had 50 fish. One of Andy's skiffs had 10 fluke up to 3 lbs on killie squid combos fishing Middle Bay on Saturday. Blue claw crabs are starting in the creeks and canals on killie rigs (rather rings(and traps.

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FREEPORT

Capt. Walt on the **Acme II** called to tell us that Wed's charter for Ron Santo and group from IBM filled 3 barrels up with blues in a combination of jigging, trolling and chumming. This was south of Jones Inlet.

Charterboat **Blue Fin II** called to tell us that a 13 man charter fished SE of Jones roughly 3 mis off the beach with A-27's and following birds all the way out to 6½ miles off the tower on

Harry Dreckman and party from Connecticut with their catch of over 20 giant blues from 12 to 15 lbs., taken aboard Captain Arnold's "Shalidon," ten miles southwest of the HA Buoy.

Rudy Goldman and Billy Devoe show off part of their catch of blue sharks and bluefish taken on June 22 aboard Capt. Mike Miller's "Apus."

Tuesday, decked 96 blues up to 7 lbs. Hi-Hook was Tom May of Sealand, New Providence, NJ. Nine - 10 fish per man was not uncommon.

Charterboat **Apus** called to report that with the exception of Monday, shark fishing was good 184 degrees out of Jones Inlet in 250' of water. Most of the sharks caught were blues and browns and all except one were tagged and released. Capt. Mike also bagged 250 lbs of bluefish approximately per trip and advised that if a shark fisherman wants to hold the bluefish, he must chum much heavier than the usual shark chumming rate.

Charterboat **Ivory Queen** called and told us that on Tues his party had 2 blue shark up to 97 and a small duskie of about 40 lbs plus 25 bluefish up to 12 lbs. Capt. Bill says, blues are all over the place. He found his action roughly 6 miles SE of the HA.

Charterboat **Nite Owl** called to tell us that his Thurs. trip for Mike Shimel of NYC and group scored with 23 chummed bluefish in 110 feet of water SE of the tower. Mike is 89 yrs of age and Capt. Long said he bailed fish along with everyone else. Way to go, Mike! Saturday's charter for Joe Genova of Glen Cove saw a Mako and a brown come to the boat. The brown was tagged and released. These fish were in the 75 lb range. 29 blues were also taken. Sunday's charter for Al Burko and party saw 40 bluefish come over the rail fishing SE of the Inlet. A blue and brown shark were brought to the boat and realesed also.

Sea Hawk reports that Thursday's trip for Arthur and Gary, a couple of steady customers fished in 60' of water South of the tower and in 2 hrs of fishing white umbrellas they had 27 blues in the 3-5 lb range afterwhich they went on the inside to finish up with fluke in the inlet and Cinder creek. Saturday's trip for Cornell Leach and group from Sperry Rand went out to 120' of water South of the

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days. These billed species are looking upwards from beneath the ocean at a bait, not as we recognize it. Rippled water surface camouflages the leader, or any falsehood of action a bait may give off; whereas on a flat sea, a fish can detect everything.

Temperamental as they may be, white marlin are nature's most proficient aquatic acrobats we have along the North Atlantic shore line. With this personality, many more fish are sighted and worked over than are taken. Seemingly intelligent as these billfish may be, fishermen drifting and chumming for sharks hook them blindly. Most of these "no see strikers" are caught on whole squid or mackerel baits floated in a bunker chum slick. Sometimes as keen as these marlin are, they can be just as featherbrained.

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The Aloma II reports fluking remains good, 5-6 keepers per man on the morning trips and 2-3 keepers per man on the afternoon trips. A 5-lb fluke and a few 4 lbrs were taken during the last few days. Paul is fishing Reynolds Channel and Jones Inlet. His 4:30 afternoon trips are sailing Wed's, Fri's, Sat's and Sun's.

Capt. Mike of the **Capt. Lou II** reports that he has been having good fluking all week fishing the local back creeks and that there are plenty of fish around running up to 4½ lbs. Best catches are on sandeels, killies and squid. His afternoon fluke trips, Mike says, are producing nicely and the people are really enjoying the cool, relaxed fishing at the tail end of the afternoon.

The Freeport Boatmens Association reports that the boats that have been sailing all week for bluefish have been catching decently, thou not loads of fish, those caught are in the 10-12 lb category. Lots of big blues in the sharking grounds E/SE 40 miles off the beach. The boats that were fluking this week had fair to good catches of fluke fishing the inlet and some of the deeper channels.

Capt. Richie of the **Starstream II** reports that bottom fishing improved in the local area with nice catches of seabass and ling taken over the weekend. The boat will be chasing giant blues every night at 7 pm and this past weekend the boat fished Monster Ledge at night and took blues up to 10 lbs on smelts. The boat totaled 300-350 fish per night.

Roy at **Mako Marina** reports that A. Cohen and wife of Freeport on the Jo on Saturday trolled 12 blues to 19 lb fishing 130' of water on umbrellas

n Leonardi of Floral Park was in to xed sized blues on light tackle in of water S of the tower. In general ot of bluefish. Fluking has been y good in Seadog Creek down to ynolds Channel. Roy says to let you ow this is your last chance to enter LI Open Shark Tournament and t you can call him for details. A ek and a half ago, Anthony Dabins Oceanside, called to say that he had t caught his first striper in the surf, 8½ lbr at that, it was caught at 8 off one of the Rockaway jetties on unker chunk. Tony had been surf ning for the extremely long period 3 weeks when he finally hooked up. uess it's all down hill now, Tony by.

ISLAND PARK

Beckmans Tackle reports good ke fishing west of Long Beach dge to Debbs Inlet and at the ckaway Playland. These fish are ning up to 5 lbs and are taking uid and sandeel and squid and aring combinations. On Friday ght Frank Spadavdcchia of nbrook took a 29½ lb striped bass hing off Gilgo Beach with nd worms. Blue fishing in this area cked off this past week.

he Commodore reports good fluke ning all week. On Saturday Herb einstein had 18 keepers and Frank rskowitz had 23 keepers. The boat aled 300 nice sized fluke for the . On Sunday the fishing continued od. Joyce Ward had 14 keepers and pool fish ran up to 5¾ lbs. This ning is being done west of E. ckaway Inlet, Reynolds Channel d in the back bays. I

ATLANTIC BEACH

Hennings Fishing Station reports nty of fluke action at buoy 3 in ynolds Channel and in East ckaway Inlet. These fish are□ raging 3-4 lbs. Patty Gallegher, 6 old, fished Duck Point with her ner over the weekend and took a lb fluke. Blackfishing is good at Atlantic Beach Bridge with fish up lbs being taken on fiddlers. Carl nchima of Ozone Park took a 30 lb z striped bass on a live bunker off El Patio Beach Club. Bluefishing been on and off in the area.

LONG BEACH

ong Beach Sports Marina reports efish up to 14 lbs being taken shore trolling with gorilla rigs. ke to 3 lbs are being taken at Duck at the top of the tide on killies and d eels.

POINT LOOKOUT

Scotties Marina reports good bass hing at the Rock Jetty in Jones Inlet d at the Wantagh Bridge. This past ek Ed Rheinfleisher and daughter d bass up to 36 lbs. Bluefishing is od offshore in 30 to 80' of water. These fish ran up to 7 lbs trolling on wire line. Blackfishing is good at the T Wreck, Rota Wreck, CG Station and at the Meadowbrook and Long Creek Bridges. These fish are taking fiddlers, green crabs and worms. Fluke are being taken on the outgoing tide in the inlet and at the Pt. Lookout Bridge. Hot baits are killies, sandeels, spearing and fluke bellies. Flounder up to 2 lbs are still being taken on worms at buoy 4.

Marilyn at **Ed's Fishing Station** reports that Elaine Moylan of Merrick bagged a 10½ lb 30"fluke on Thurs. fishing Reynolds Channel fishing squid and killies. On Mon. Morning Carl Smith took a 25lb striper at Jones Inlet on a live bunker. This was his first bass. Harold Benson of Baldwin and al Stewart of Flushing had close to 100 flounders up to 2¼ lbs fishing Swift Creek and the Meadowbrook Bridge. Seabass and blacks at the Meadowbrook and Loop Bridges on clam. (fiddlers for the blackfish) Hi-hook on fluke for the week was 14 of the suckers.

JAMAICA BAY

Crossbay Bait and Tackle reports that nice sized blackfish, bluefish, fluke and small porgies are being taken off of the North Channel Bridge. Stephen Zugajewicz fished the north Channel Bridge with bunker and took 11 bluefish up to 7½ lbs.

T & G Bait and Tackle reports porgies and fluke at the North and South Channel bridges on blood and sand worms on all tides. Good bluefish being taken on bunker chunks on the North Channel bridge fish between 4 and 11 lbs. Best has been 1 hour either side of the high. Some small bass on sand worms off the north channel bridge.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The Big Mohawk II reports good fluke fishing on Sunday along the Jersey coast from Sandy Hook to Long Branch. Catches average 6-12 fish per person with the fish running 3-5 lbs taking sandeels and squid. On Friday and Saturday the fishing was good SW of the HA buoy. These fish ran from 12-16 lbs and took bait, white bananas and S & G 27's. The boat still has some choice dates for weekday charters available and a few weekend nights are still open.

Stan Giammalvo and Charlie Taverna with 6 blues from 8 to 12½ lbs., taken on Atom and Danny Swimmers in Great Kills Park. Photo courtesy of Santo's Sport Shop.

The Dorothy B fished the Long Branch area all week and did well on the fluke. Most fish ran from 2-3 lbs, pool fish running to 4½ lbs. These fish were taken on sandeels and catches average 10-12 nice sized fluke per person.

The Elsie K III reports very good fluke fishing along the Jersey coast. Average catch ran 5-20 fish per person being taken on sand eels. On Saturday Phil Ferraro and Lou Greco totaled 38 keepers up to 5 lbs. Most fish ran in the 2 lb class.

Niel at **Stella Maris Bait & Tackle** tells us that while the day bluefishing trips on the partyboats have not broken any records, the night bluefishing trips of the **Sheepshead Bay Fleet** have been excellent on bait and on artificials, particularly green or white bananas. Big catches of seabass off the Breezy Point jetty and with trollers taking their toll of the big stripers on Lupo Umbrellas and on Danny Plugs. Very good fluking off the area of the Breezy Point Jetty as well, off Reis Park.

Mark's Fishing Tackle in Manhattan reports that Nick Balamaci of the Bronx hooked and landed a 34 lb striper fishing from the beach 100 yds east of the Breezy Pt Jetty on sandworm on Sunday at 3 am. Nick brought the fish into Mark's shop.

STATEN ISLAND

Santos Sport Shop reports good bluefish action from Great Kills Park to the Princess Bay trademark. Thes fish are in the 3-5 lb class and bait is doint the better job. Plugs are most effective during the last two hours of the tide and dead low. Fluke fishing has been good from Fort Wadsworth to Princess Bay especially at the storm sewer in Oakwood Beach, at the Rock jetty in Great Kills Park and alng the beach in Princess Bay Trademark. More and more shorts are being taken but there are still plenty of keepers to be had. Sandeels and squid are the most effective baits, but squid and spearing are working fine. Bass are being taken at Penny Beach up to 5 lbs on worms during the outgoing tide. Boat fishermen are doing well on the fluke drifting from the Great Kills Bug Light to the Princess Bay Buglight. Baits used are the same as the above. Bluefish action for boaters is from the Middle Ground of Princess to Annandale. These are small fish and are taking gorilla rigs, single tubes and bait. Bigger fish from 8-12 lbs can be found in the VZ bridge area from S. Beach to Nortons Pt.

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PORGIES

GREENPORT

The Wilhelric II reports that porgy fishing is gettting better every day off Gardiners Island. Catches of a 5 gal pail per person are being taken and the fish are running anywhere from small to jumbo in size. The boat will be sailing daily at 6 am for the early fishermen.

A. P. White Bait Shop reports that porgy fishing is very good on the east side of Gardiners Island. These fish are mixed sizes and runnig up to 3 lbs. The **Brand X** has been doing a good job on these fish. Blackfishing has been good at Gull Island, Plum Island and at Orient. Fish averaging 2-6 lbs are being taken on fiddlers and worms. Nice size bass from 25 to 30 lbs are being taken every morning and evening at Gull and Plum Island on eels, bucktails, and butterfish. Diamond jigs are producing bluefish averaging 3 lbs in the evening off of Jessups.

Henry Henderson and son Chris, with their catch of 99 porgies to 3 lbs., three blackfish to 6 lbs. and three weakfish up to 7 lbs., taken on sand worms, squid and skimmer clams, between buoys 18 and 22. Photo courtesy of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station.

SOUTHOLD

Port of Egypt reported lots of porgies at the Middleground and on the other side of #16 in Nyack Bay. There's some weakfish in the Brickyard and some fluke. Plenty of blacks by the light at Orient Point. Loads of fluke at Truman Beach. Try jigging 4 to 6 oz. Diamonds for blues at buoy 17. One good spot for porgies is off Mulford Point.

JAMESPORT

Warren's Tackle Center reported some days there's been some excellent catches of porgies in the Bay, but on other days the fishing is poor. Perhaps the blues scatter the fish. Weakfish are taking white swimmers or darters in the evenings in the Bay. Shore casters have started to pick up some blues from the Sound beaches fishing chunks on the bottom. Mackerel showed up by the pipeline last Thursday afternoon. Fluke around

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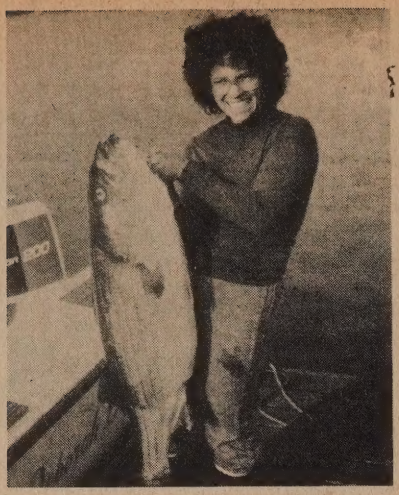


Debbie Smith of Queens took this 40 lb. 3 oz. striped bass fishing at Old Silas Rock. Photo courtesy of Port of Egypt Fishing Station.

buoy 5. Try drifting from the 95-ft. mark back to 25 ft.

Specks Bait and Tackle reports some porgies at buoy 18 and Robbins Island on worms. Some fluke off the Basket at Shinnecock on Sat. on live killies. Some blues and weaks in the back bays in the morning and evening on plugs for those working hard for them. A few bass on eels drifted off the inlet or on worms fished off the beaches earlier in the week.

SAG HARBOR

Chris at **Bayview Fishing Station** says "millions of porgies". Realistically his skiffs are averaging anywhere from 100-150 porgies each with a lot of 3 lbrs mixed in, fish running 1-3 lbs on worm and mussel baits, chumming a big asset. Hotspots are Gibbsons, Mashomack Pt and Cedar Pt. Blues from 3-10 lbs at S.Ferry on bucktails and umbrellas.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

★ BEST BET ★ BLUEFISH

ROCKY POINT

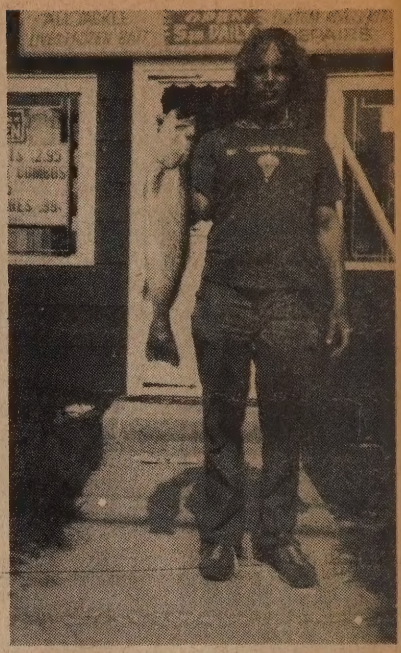
The Rocky Point Fishing Stop reports that BillStoltz took 3 bass total of 80 lbs taken east of Wading River. Fluke being taken at buoy 7 and at the drop off at Sound Beach. Besides the regular baits a fluke of 7½ lbs was taken on an umbrella rig. The porgy fishing is good in the area, but the warming waters in the areas are slowing the blackfishing a bit but it is still holding strong. Bluefish averaging 4-7 lbs are being taken in the area and are chasing the still present mackerel up on the beaches. Weakfish up to 14 lbs are under these schools of bluefish.

MT. SINAI HBR.

Ralphs Fishing Station reports that bluefish are being taken on trolled umbrellas on buoys 11 and 9. There are plenty of fish in the 3-5 lb range and a few weakfish are mixed in with the catches. Porgy fishing is good straight off the harbor and at the water tower off Sound Beach. Baits used are worms and clams. Blackfishing in the area is slowing and fluke are starting to show.

PORT JEFFERSON

Capt. Tony of the **Day Off II** reports porgies and blacks being caught well all week long from Crane Neck to Miller Place on worm and clam. Tony



Mike Boola with a 9 lb. weakfish taken in the Race with a Tri-Fin sand eel jig. Photo courtesy of Rocky Point Fishing Stop.

is now runnig 2 trips daily 8 am and 5 pm for porgies. A few blues and weaks are also encountered on a daily basis.

Caraftis Fishing Station reported decent amounts of blues and weaks taken in the early morning off buoys 9 and 11. Fluke are making a fair showing around buoy 7. There's porgies off Crane Neck Point and some blacks by the buoy off Old Field Point.

KINGS PARK

Bob at **Maes Way Fishing Station** reports that the biggest news is a good run of bluefish off Callahans

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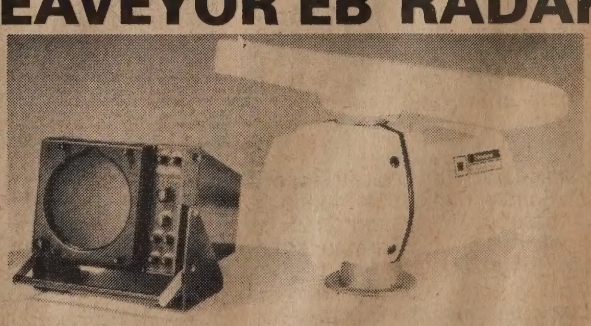

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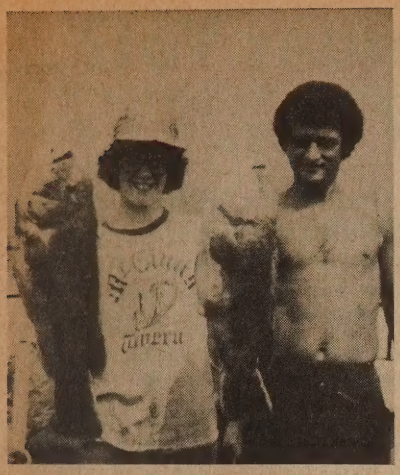

Shown are blackfish of 10½ and 9 lbs., taken aboard the City Island party boat "Ebb Tide."

Beach and Cranes Neck. On Friday night Paul Bruno and Al Astraus used popping plugs to take 16 blues to 5 lbs. Also on Saturday Joe Guarneri and son James of Hauppauge took 10 choppers to 10 lbs trollig surgical tubes off Sunken Meadow. On Sunday Keith Glavin and Joe Orlando trolled 17 blues to 5lbs on umbrella rigs at Cranes Neck. Bottom fishing has been slow but on Sunday Scott DiVetti and 2 friends topped a 5 gal. pail with big porgies and a few blackfish mixed in.

HUNTINGTON

Capt. Don on the **Ever Ready** called to tell us fishing over the weekend was good with good mixed bags of flounder, blacks and porgies being caught in the areas around Huntington Harbor. Don requests that you check his ad for the details of his special summer program which appeared to be truly unusual.

Four Winds Tackle Shop reported the blues showed up in good numbers over the weekend. Fish were taken with wire and umbrellas around the obstruction buoy and Center Island Reef. A lot of boats had 8 to 12 fish. Sizes went up to 12 lbs. Fish—both blues and weaks—were also jigged up at the obstruction buoy. There's still a few blackfish around and lots of porgies between Eaton's and Mackimar Beach. Some bass from 10 to 20 lbs. off Eaton's on wire and bucktails. The first small showing of snappers in Centerport Mill Pond was recorded last week.

Ronnies Bait and Tackle reports that on Sunday night John Munno Jr. had 7 bass up to 19 and 21½ lbs trolling worms in Cold Spring Harbor. Bottom fishing has slacked off. An occassional fluke is being taken on sand eels and squid at Eatons Neck. Bluefish are taking bait such as bunker and mackerel at buoys 13 and 11B. Porgy fishing si good off Eatons Neck and Marshall Field using worms and clams for bait.

NORTH SHORE WEST END

★ BEST BET ★ BLUEFISH

BAYVILLE

Norm's Bait and Tackle reports good bluefishing off Center Island. These fish are running 10-15 lbs and are taking wire line umbrellas with red and black tubes. Some schoolie bass are mixed in with these catches. A few weakfish are being picked up off of Lloyds Neck. Worms and clams are doing a good job on the porgies in the harbor and at Whitewood Point. Blackfishing has slowed down, but fish can still be taken in deeper water on worms and clams. Center Island Reef is your best bet.

CITY ISLAND

Jack's Bait and Tackle reported a fellow named Marino caught 11 bluefish between 13 and 15 lbs., casting Rebel plugs off the south end of Hart's Island. There's both sand eels and mackerel in there. Not many flounders left and porgy fishing isn't very good at all. Some bass up to 18 lbs. were taken trolling very slow or drifting with worms. Blackfishing is fair.

Ariana Stritzl, age 7, with her 4¼ lb. blackfish taken on her first trip on a piece of sand worm at the Mansions. She's shown with her proud Dad, Bill. Photo courtesy of Mae's Way Fishing Station.

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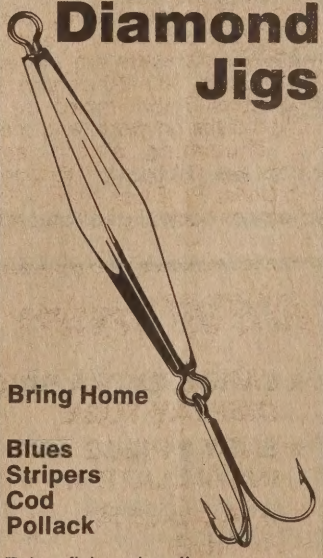

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FRI	9:57	10:00	10:46	10:58	10:47	10:47	11:35	11:37	12:50	1:18	12:56	1:22	9:52	10:06	7/7
SAT	10:36	10:36	11:23	11:34	11:27	11:22	—	12:15	1:17	1:46	1:33	1:59	10:35	10:48	7/8
SUN	11:18	11:15	—	12:03	—	12:09	12:18	12:57	1:54	2:22	2:10	2:38	11:17	11:28	7/9
MON	11:58	11:56	12:13	12:45	11:55	12:46	1:00	1:40	2:35	3:04	2:51	3:19	11:59	—	7/10
TUE	—	12:41	12:53	1:29	12:28	1:23	1:41	2:27	3:20	3:49	3:32	4:01	12:13	12:46	7/11
WED	12:40	1:28	1:38	2:18	1:10	2:00	2:32	3:15	4:07	4:37	4:19	4:49	12:59	1:37	7/12
THUR	1:31	2:19	2:29	3:13	1:55	2:46	3:26	4:07	5:00	5:30	5:10	5:42	1:55	2:32	7/13

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Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	—0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

7/5	5:30	8:39
7/10	5:33	8:37
7/15	5:37	8:34
7/20	5:41	8:31
7/25	5:46	8:26
7/30	5:51	8:21

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr
7/5	7/13	7/20	7/26

The Original Knight
SOLUNAR TABLES
When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	5:50	12:05	6:20	12:30
Fri.	6:40	12:55	7:10	1:20
Sat.	7:35	1:50	8:00	2:10
Sun.	8:25	2:35	8:45	3:00
Mon.	9:15	3:25	9:35	3:45
Tues.	10:00	4:15	10:25	4:35
Wed.	10:50	4:55	11:05	5:20
Thurs.	11:35	5:40	11:45	6:00

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